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SAVERS TO FEEL THE PINCH OF RATE CUT

Government helping banks, not people, says pension group advisor

By **STEVE KNIGHT** and **TONY PATEY**

SAVERS throughout Kent could face tough times ahead thanks to the new two per cent interest rate, warns one of the country's leading pensions advisors.

Dr Ros Altmann is well aware how much many people rely on their savings, having worked extensively with steelworkers who lost their pensions when Isle of Sheppey-based firm ASW went bust in 2002.

The spokeswoman for the Sheppey-based Pensions Action Group says the cuts introduced by the Bank of England on Thursday could leave pensioners in particular out of pocket, with those affected seeing the lower interest rates as a form of tax increase.

Problems

Dr Altmann said: "When the interest rates were at six per cent, somebody who had saved £25,000 would receive £30 interest a week. Now the interest rate is at two per cent, they are losing £20 a week.

"That's a lot to have taken away from them and it causes problems.

"What I would like to see the Government do is firstly bring back the 10 per cent tax rate, which would help everybody, and also increase the state pension.

"While we are spending all this money trying to shore up banks in the hope they will lend more, why not put a small percentage aside to bring the state pension up to a decent level?

"It seems the Government is focused on helping banks but at the same time it is ignoring millions of people in the country who are the bedrock of our population."

A number of the country's leading banks and building societies came under fire this week for failing to pass the interest rate cuts onto their customers.

While Kent's only building society, Kent Reliance, has yet to decide how much it should pass on, its chief executive Mike Lazenby said the rates were likely to favour savers rather than homeowners.

He said: "A considerable amount of building society investors are elderly on fixed incomes and rely upon their savings interests to help meet their daily needs.

"It is therefore entirely proper that we try to protect the income of the vulnerable at the expense of those who can afford to pay their mortgage, and anyone generally with a mortgage can afford to pay interest rates of four or five per cent."

Caroline Wellard, joint managing director of Kent Estate Agencies, which has offices throughout east Kent, said if interest rates came down it would give confidence to first-time buyers.

She said the only people moving at present are people who have to move because of jobs or other pressing reasons.

She said: "It is hard going out there, and hard getting mortgages. But it is beginning to get easier and hopefully it will continue into the New Year.

"We won't have a real good feeling unless the lenders do pass down the cuts."

Debasish Sen, vice chairman of the Federation of Small Businesses Kent and Medway Region, agreed that it was important the cuts were passed on.

He said: "It is frustrating for many of our members that despite the interest rate cuts they are not seeing the benefits of this in lower rates for overdrafts or commercial mortgages.

"We appreciate the pressure that the Government is putting on the banks to pass on rate cuts and we await the results.

"Cash flow finance is still a major concern so the quicker we see funds coming through from the £1 billion small business safety fund the better."

Peter Bolton King, chief executive of the National Association of Estate Agents, said: "This cut, in reality, won't do enough unless the banks play fair and pass the cut on to the homeowner. The NAEA is, once again, calling on all of the major lenders to commit to passing these savings onto the consumer."



Spooks star Rupert on the run in BBC remake of classic The 39 Steps

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Kent today



TODAY: It will be dry with some decent periods of sunshine. Feeling quite chilly but with only gentle south-westerly winds. Max temp 3-6C (37-43F).
TONIGHT: Remaining largely dry but with more in the way of cloud around. Moderate westerly winds. Min temp 0-3C (32-37F).

Around Britain

Aberdeen	cloudy	6	43	London	fair	8	43
Belfast	fair	5	41	Liverpool	fair	8	43
Birmingham	fair	5	41	Manchester	fair	4	39
B'mouth	fair	5	41	Newcastle	fair	5	41
Bristol	fair	7	45	Norwich	fair	4	39
Cardiff	fair	4	39	Oxford	fair	4	39
Cork	fair	9	48	Southsea	fair	5	41
Edinburgh	cloudy	5	43	S'hampton	fair	6	43
Glasgow	cloudy	7	45	Southport	sun	–	–
Isle of Man	fair	9	48	Swansea	fair	8	43
Leeds	sun	3	37	Torquay	fair	7	45

Sun & moon

Sunrise	7.45am	Sunset	3.42pm	Lighting up times
Moonrise	12.32pm	Moonset	12.24am	3.45pm to 7.45am

High Tides

	Sunday				Tuesday			
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Dover	06.13	5.6	17.54	5.5	06.18	5.7	18.57	5.6
Margate	06.00	4.0	19.02	4.0	07.07	4.0	20.03	4.1
St Mary's	11.17	4.6	23.33	4.3	–	–	12.29	4.7

Week ahead

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
Cloudy Dry	Sunny spells	Sunny spells	Dull Rain	Cloudy Dry	Cloudy Dry
max 9C min 3C	max 9C min 1C	max 9C min 1C	max 7C min 1C	max 9C min 2C	max 9C min 2C

Former Tory leader's outrage over MP's arrest

Mr Speaker is being treated with contempt, claims Howard

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View the Conservative Party's video response to the arrest of Ashford MP Damian Green

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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FORMER Tory leader Michael Howard says the Government is treating the Speaker of the House of Commons with "absolute contempt" over the arrest of fellow Kent MP Damian Green.

Despite being given a vote of confidence by Prime Minister Gordon Brown, Michael Martin is still under pressure for failing to stop police searching Mr Green's office at the House of Commons.

MPs are angry that officers were allowed to rifle through confidential information supplied by Mr Green's constituents in Ashford without a warrant, while both Commons leader Harriet Harman and housing minister Margaret Beckett have refused to endorse the Speaker. Furthermore, after Mr Martin announced he would appoint a committee to carry out an "urgent inquiry" into the matter, it was later revealed such an inquiry would not begin until after police had concluded their investigation and that the committee would be likely to have a majority of Labour MPs.

Folkestone and Hythe MP Mr Howard told Kent on Sunday: "I would like to have confidence in the Speaker, but we have to see how things turn out first. We are not at the end of this saga, but the Government has treated him with absolute contempt.

"He said he was going to personally appoint this committee, but now the Government is going to authorise it in a way that is completely different to what was originally stated. This will all have to be sorted out eventually, as what happened to Mr Green is an outrage."

Shadow immigration minister Mr Green was detained by police for nine hours on November 27 over an inquiry into Home Office leaks, while Met counter-terrorism officers carried out searches of his Ashford home and constituency office.

The 52-year-old, who was first elected as Ashford MP in 1997, was released on bail until an undisclosed date in February.

Police say Mr Green was detained under common law on suspicion of "conspiring to commit misconduct in a public office" and "aiding and abetting, counselling or procuring misconduct in a public office".


OUTRAGE: Michael Howard

If charged and found guilty, Mr Green could face a sentence of life imprisonment. The former business journalist for The Times and Channel 4 has spoken little of his ordeal since being released from custody, but did post a statement on his official website on Thursday.

He said: "There is only one subject that anyone wants to hear from me about this week, and for obvious reasons this is the one subject on which I cannot, for legal reasons, speak in any detail.

"I would just like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has emailed, written and phoned to express support and sympathy for me and my family. This support is really important at a time like this and makes a huge difference.

"I have never been so pleased to be the MP for Ashford, and to represent you."

• ***Our state of unease – see opinion on page 30.***

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Ex-KCC director to investigate Baby P's death

THE former education director at Kent County Council has been appointed chairman of a local safeguarding board set up to investigate the Baby P tragedy.

Graham Badman's appointment is his first since leaving KCC at the end of last month.

Under his leadership, the authority ranked in the top quarter nationally for its educational achievements.

The announcement that he will act as an independent chairman of the safeguarding board was one of several made earlier this week by Children's Secretary Ed Balls.

It followed the completion of a damning report into the circumstances surrounding Baby P's death.

The 17-month-old died after suffering sustained abuse at the hands of his mother, her boyfriend and their lodger in Haringey, north London, in August last year.

Meanwhile, Labour members on KCC have asked for an urgent review of the county's own child protection procedures in the wake of the tragedy.

Port mourns death of Thatcher era MP

FORMER Dover MP and Channel Tunnel opponent Peter Rees has died.

Mr Rees, who died last Sunday aged 81, served as both Trade Secretary and Chief Secretary to the Treasury during Margaret Thatcher's first two terms in office, but stood down from the House of Commons in 1986 over the Government's plans for the Tunnel.

The following year he was created a life peer in a post-election Queen's Honours List.

Mr Rees is survived by his wife Anthea.

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Buchan's 39 Steps lead to Broadstairs

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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A POPULAR novel inspired by the steps leading down to Broadstairs beach is to be retold as a BBC drama this Christmas.



JOHN BUCHAN: Seaside home

John Buchan wrote The 39 Steps in the years leading up to the First World War while recovering from an intestinal ulcer at his seaside home on Cliff Promenade.

The success of the book was such that three film adaptations have been made, the most famous of which was directed by Alfred Hitchcock in 1935 and starred Robert Donat as action hero Richard Hannay.

In the BBC's version, to be screened on December 28, the part of Hannay is taken by former Spooks star Rupert Penry-Jones.

Screenwriter Lizzie Mickery, who in 2006 created the highly-successful political drama The State Within, said she was pleased with the way The 39 Steps was turning out.

She told Kent on Sunday: "It's looking absolutely lovely at the moment and there's just the soundtrack to put on top of it now.

"I would like to think Buchan would be pleased with my version of the novel. He was ill when he wrote it so he wanted it to be entertaining, and hopefully I've succeeded in honouring what he set out to achieve.

"The 39 Steps is a very good template for other people to do versions of. It's quite a basic story, about a man who gets caught up in something without really intending to, and from there you can elaborate and do your own thing."

Whereas Hitchcock's movie version is based between the wars, Mickery sets hers just before the start of World War One, as Buchan intended. The story involves central character Hannay taking over the work of a murdered spy and attempting to avoid German spies and the police in uncovering the true meaning of "the 39 steps".

Mickery, who earlier in her career was an actress who made appearances in Emmerdale and Heartbeat, said: "When I read the book I knew it was something I would love to do my own version of and I'm really pleased with it.

"It's been huge fun to make an action-adventure, especially one set in this period, with biplanes, steam engines and German spies running around."



Picture courtesy of the BBC

ON THE RUN: Rupert Penry-Jones stars in the BBC's new version of John Buchan's The 39 Steps, a story dreamt up in Broadstairs

John Buchan, who died in 1940 aged 64, was also a Unionist politician who served as Governor General of Canada.

The 39 Steps was one of seven novels he wrote that featured the character of Richard Hannay, who has also been portrayed on screen by Kenneth More in 1959 and Robert Powell in 1978.

• ***The 39 Steps will be screened on BBC One, at 8pm on Sunday, December 28.***

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Darts ace back at the oche



SHARP END: Andy Fordham's planned liver transplant has been postponed

FORMER world darts champion Andy Fordham will return to action today after being taken off an emergency waiting list for a liver transplant.

The 46-year-old, from Dartford, is suffering from cirrhosis of the liver after years of alcohol abuse, and has lost 15 stone since collapsing at last year's World Championship.

Doctors have now postponed his planned transplant for three years, allowing Fordham to focus on the World Masters event in the East Riding of Yorkshire.

He said: "My confidence has gone totally rock bottom so if I can get a couple of wins under my belt – I don't mean tournaments, just a couple of games – that would be good.

"Hopefully this could be the start of three to five years of giving it a good go, and then getting back to the doctor and getting them to look at me."

Fordham, who once boasted of drinking 25 bottles of beer before a match, says he has no memory of winning his sole world title in 2004.

Freedom march by Highlanders

SOLDIERS from the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (5 Scots) will celebrate being given the freedom of Canterbury with a parade through the city today.

More than 500 servicemen based at Howe Barracks will march with bayonets fixed, colours flying and pipes and drums playing to mark the occasion.

The soldiers join a select group of people to have received the historic honour, including the Prince of Wales, former Beirut hostage Terry Waite and Lord Carey of Clifton, who was Archbishop of Canterbury until 2002.

Kids for Christmas charities will profit

OVER the Christmas period Kent on Sunday will carry a cover price of 60p.

All profits raised from the editions of December 21 and 28, and January 4, will be donated to children's charities in Kent.

During the last three years KOS Media's Kent Kids for Christmas campaign has raised more than £30,000 thanks to the generosity of our readers and we hope to significantly increase that sum this year.

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Sir Bob Geldof switches on Margate's Christmas lights.

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Proposals put forward by councils to set up their own bank

Concern at delay in Iceland report

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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MEMBERS of Kent County Council's Labour group have voiced concerns about the delay of a report into the authority's Icelandic investments.

Professional services firm PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC) is looking into KCC's internal control processes and reviewing the financial advice its officers received prior to them having £50 million frozen in Iceland's crisis-hit banking system.

The council initially said the report would be ready by the end of November, but it has still not materialised more than a week on.

However, deputy leader Cllr Alex King promised on Friday that a draft version will be available for members to read tomorrow

Cllr Roger Truelove said the Labour group was becoming increasingly frustrated by the "long delay and secrecy" surrounding the document, adding: "When cabinet scrutiny interviewed (cabinet member for finance) Cllr Nick Chard on October 22, he was able to deflect a number of key questions by appealing to the need to wait for the PWC report.

"There was obviously an understanding these questions could be returned to at the next scrutiny meeting on December 10. If that deadline is missed and the report made public without scrutiny at a subsequent date, we will be very angry.

"We would be particularly unimpressed if it was reported on at the full council meeting on December 11, with an uncritical self-regarding spin attached. At the least it is vital the chairman of cabinet scrutiny (Cllr Mike Eddy) be given the opportunity to study the report before a public statement is made. We see this whole venture as characteristic of an over-confident administration, always ready to congratulate itself but equally wary when faced by failings."

The £50m KCC has at risk is the most any council has invested in Iceland, but last month Cllr Chard said he expected all the money to be recovered.

Earlier this week the authority's chief executive Peter Gilroy backed proposals for a new "councils bank" to protect taxpayers' money from any future financial crashes.

Research into the plan is still at an early stage but financial analysts say it is a practical proposition.

Mr Gilroy said: "This could be a win-win situation. With local authorities as shareholders you have the chance to use dividends for investing in services or returning money to taxpayers."

Cllr King assured members there was a good reason for the report taking some time to complete.

He said: "The PWC report has been a thorough piece of work involving detailed checks of hundreds of individual transactions. It is essential that this process should be very detailed in order to provide members of all parties with confidence in the final report."



FROZEN: Kent County Council has £50 million invested in Icelandic banks

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Police are called to a tragic scene in Cheriton Road, Folkestone. Search 'Cheriton'.

Crops in danger

PLANS to cut 80 per cent of chemicals used on Britain's crops could lead to pests developing new resistances, warns South East MEP Richard Ashworth.

Mr Ashworth, who lives in Folkestone, says scientists have told the European Parliament they will not be able to replace the banned ingredients before pests become immune to the ones left behind.

He said: "The proposals adopted by MEPs in the environment committee must be adapted by the full parliament.

"We need safe chemicals but we also need to ensure we can meet our own food demands."

Deckchair hazard

A MAN sitting in a deckchair in the middle of the road was moved on by police.

Motorists were forced to drive around the man in Sturry Road, Canterbury, at about 3.20pm on Wednesday.

After officers had led him away from danger, they contacted one of his relatives who took him back to his home in London.

Council leader wants to be hired by Alan Sugar

KENT County Council leader, Cllr Paul Carter, has offered to team up with Sir Alan Sugar to help the Government sort out its "wretched and confusing" apprenticeship programme, ***writes Tony Patey***.

The head of the nation's biggest local authority told more than 200 young people at a seminar that Prime Minister Gordon Brown's innovation unit had paid a one-day visit to KCC on Wednesday to talk about apprenticeships.

"Sir Alan is going to lead the marketing campaign," Cllr Carter said. "I said to the unit that... I guarantee if Sir Alan and I sat down for a couple of hours we'd sort out how we could make the scheme work nationally."

He said he suggested that the Government delay marketing the scheme because it had not thought through the logistics.

"At the moment the system is confusing to young people so they don't understand what is available.

"Currently what is on offer by the Government is so wretched and confusing it is doomed to fail – and that was my message to the unit."

He said: "I think we blew their minds about what is already going on in Kent, how we're building momentum and giving a new generation a new set of opportunities," he told the Kent Apprenticeship Showcase Event at Paddock Wood's The Hop Farm on Thursday.

The Government has a target of 20 per cent of 16 to 18-year-olds being in modern apprenticeships – in Kent that represents 6-7,000 young people.

"That's a massive logistical exercise," said Cllr Carter. "We have an enormous demand from which we have to fulfil, and to match that we have got to wake up the business community."

KCC's own apprenticeship scheme has been an "enormous success," he said, and it is being expanded.



Christmas comes early after fundraising drive by parents of brave fighter Lewis

Family's great gift for ward's young patients

CHRISTMAS has come early for a Kent children's ward, with £7,000 worth of toys donated by the family of a 10-year-old boy with cancer.

Jason and Vicki Fuller's son, Lewis, was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer, called Ewing's sarcoma, in April after he was taken into A&E at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford with a bump near his shoulder.

"He's doing really well," Mr Fuller said. "When he is having his treatment he is pretty poorly, but he's such a fighter we cannot believe he gets out of bed. If it wasn't for his bald head you wouldn't know he had cancer.

"He's had blood transfusions and platelet transfusions – he's really been through the wringer."

Mr Fuller said his son had shown no signs of illness and was a boxer in training to fight for Ashford before the bump was found.

The couple, who are in their late 30s and live in Biddenden, near Ashford, noticed that Lewis and his fellow young patients did not have much in the way of entertainment during their hospital stays.

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"My wife and I just felt the kids have to lie in bed for weeks and have no personal entertainment, so we bought them DVD players, televisions and PlayStations.

"Friends and family all chipped in. Everyone wants to help because it's for children," Mr Fuller said.

The Fullers raised an amazing total of nearly £20,000 through two charity parties and a sponsored walk. Money has been split between Padua Ward, the children's ward at the William Harvey, University College London Hospital, where Lewis has been having chemotherapy, and the Bone Cancer Research charity.

Sue Gibbons, ward manager at Padua, said the youngsters were thrilled with all the toys, which the family presented last Friday, especially so close to Christmas time.

"It's unbelievable," she said. "The family has worked so hard to get us all this equipment for the children."

Children going for operations will now be able to drive themselves to the theatre in a motorised toy car.



CHILD'S PLAY: Lewis Fuller at the wheel, accompanied by family members – including mum and dad (back far left) – and ward manager Sue Gibbons (red strap with ID badge)

Mr Fuller said he hoped Lewis would be able to spend Christmas Day at home with the family.

"He is so happy all the time," he said, paying tribute to his brave son. "He is a magician and has joined the Magic Circle.

"When he had his collar bone removed he spent two days in intensive care and was doing magic for all the other kids. I think that speaks for itself."

Only around three children a year are diagnosed with the same form of bone cancer as Lewis, Mr Fuller, a self-employed civil engineer, said.

He added: "All the staff have been brilliant. The care has been second to none and their nurses are so kind and gentle with the kids.

"They just need individual entertainment such as televisions and DVDs to keep them occupied."

The Fullers said they would be doing more fundraising in the New Year and hoped to donate more toys and gifts to children who are forced to stay in hospital to make them feel more at home.

To join the Fullers' fundraising drive, call Jason Fuller on 07977 442924.

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FAMILY CHRISTMAS: Jamie Zammit with mum Donna

Delight as doctors allow Jamie home

BONE marrow transplant patient Jamie Zammit will spend Christmas at home after doctors agreed he was well enough to leave hospital, ***writes Steve Knight***.

The 10-year-old, from Bromley, has Fanconi anaemia, which eventually leads to bone marrow failure if a donor cannot be found.

He underwent a successful transplant operation on October 13 and is now looking forward to spending the festive season at home with his family. Mum Donna said: "It's like having a completely different person about the place.

"Jamie knew the seriousness of the situation and knew what he was up against, but he has such a great sense of humour and the doctors told him he played a big part in his own recovery.

"Now he just wants to get up and do stuff all the time. He has his life back and he can't stop smiling. He's so happy."

Ideally Jamie would have received a perfect bone marrow match from a relative, but none could be found. As a result, doctors at London's Great Ormond Street Hospital allowed the transplant to go ahead using the closest match available.

Although the youngster has been allowed to return home, he will need to undergo regular check-ups in the coming months to ensure his body does not reject the marrow.

Mrs Zammit said: "Jamie's keeping well at the moment. He's had his first check-up and that was good, so we'll just have to keep our fingers crossed that things stay that way.

"He can't go back to school for another six months and we can't really go out or have people around in case he catches a bug off someone.

"We're hoping to have a party for him at some point, but for the time being we're just looking forward to enjoying Christmas at home together."

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Vicious killer is set to die in jail for death of 15-year-old

THE family of murdered schoolgirl Vicky Hamilton say they hope to move on with their lives after her killer was finally convicted, ***writes Steve Knight***.

Earlier this week a jury at Dundee's High Court found Peter Tobin, 62, from Margate, guilty of the abduction, rape and murder of the Scottish 15-year-old.

He was sentenced to a minimum of 30 years in prison and is almost certain to die there as he suffers from ill health and is already serving 21 years for a previous murder.

On Wednesday, Vicky's sister Sharon Brown laid a bunch of pink roses at the grave of her younger sibling, who went missing from the town of Bathgate, West Lothian, on February 10, 1991.

Her whereabouts remained a mystery for 17 years until her body was finally discovered buried in the back garden of Tobin's former home in Margate last November.

Speaking outside court after the sentencing, Vicky's younger sister Lyndsay Brown said: "We are glad this nightmare has finally come to an end. There were many times when we thought this day wouldn't come.

"We are hoping we can now move on as a family and start to remember Vicky as the loving sister she was before she was so tragically and cruelly taken from us.

"Vicky's abduction also robbed us of our mum, Janette, who never came to terms with the fact Vicky never came home that night and who died of a broken heart two years later, never knowing what happened to her daughter.

"We take comfort in the knowledge that mum and Vicky have been looking over us and giving us the strength needed to cope during these difficult times."

Tobin snatched Vicky on a snowy Sunday afternoon as she was looking for a bus to take her home.

He took her to his house in Margate where he launched his murderous attack before wrapping her remains in bags. He then kept her body hidden for about five weeks before moving to a new home in the town, where he buried her in the garden.





LIFE TERM: Peter Tobin murdered Vicky Hamilton 17 years ago

Sandpit

Tobin's former neighbour David Martin, who still lives next door to the house where Vicky's remains were discovered, said Tobin told him he was digging a sandpit for his son to play in.

He told the BBC: "We were extremely shocked and quite upset for the family.

I was stunned because I couldn't visualise the normal man we knew then, well what appeared to be normal. I really couldn't equate the two.

"There was no indication he was doing the things he's accused of doing. Obviously they have found the body and that is it, he's got to face the music."

Chat show host adder nasty surprise while making fire

CAMP comic Paul O'Grady has told how he laughed off an attack by a poisonous two-foot-long snake, which crawled out of a log he was putting on the fire at his home in Aldington.

The chat show host told the Daily Mirror newspaper he had no idea he had been bitten until blood started oozing from a puncture wound in his arm.

He then spotted the adder on a log – and ushered the reptile from the room using a broom.

The Channel 4 star said: "I didn't realise I was bitten at first, but I looked at my arm and there was blood gushing down from it.

Mr O'Grady then called a hospital, but was assured the bite was not fatal and he merely needed to keep an eye on the swelling and come in only if he got worse.

The adder, Britain's only venomous snake, has a bite that can cause vomiting, dizziness and painful swelling, but its poison is only rarely deadly.

Snake expert Denise Frain said: "It was probably starting to hibernate among the logs when Paul woke it up and startled it. They're not an aggressive snake and keep themselves to themselves."





Sergeant is told to leave her post

A POLICE sergeant whose ex-boyfriend was jailed for a string of armed robberies in Kent has been ordered to resign.

Sgt Jill Evans was told she must leave her post at Dyfed-Powys Police, Wales, following a misconduct hearing on Monday.

Her ex-boyfriend Dean Jenkins, 41, was jailed for 17 years in November 2007 for his part in raids at building societies in Birchington, Strood, Herne Bay and Paddock Wood.

Dyfed-Powys Police said at the time of Jenkins' sentencing that Sgt Evans made senior officers aware of their relationship following his arrest. By that time they had been seeing each other for eight months after meeting in a bar in Cardiff.

The misconduct hearing was held following an investigation by the force's professional standards department, concerning allegations about Sgt Evans' honesty, integrity and general conduct.

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Sweet sound of success for Kris

ALL the hard work has paid off for Kent singer/songwriter Kris Searle, who has won a major prize at the Los Angeles Music Awards.

By **JANE CONNOLLY**
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The 28-year-old, from Herne Bay, set off for the Hollywood hills earlier this year, hoping to make an impression on the notoriously difficult American music scene. Just months later he has been named International Artist of the Year, an achievement which is more than just professional for Mr Searle.

"This award means so much more than the actual title," he told KOS Media from his US base.

"It's about the years of sacrifice and heartache I have been through, trying to show my music to the world."

He was invited to present a gong at the Los Angeles Music Awards, held on November 20, where his producer Dino Maddalone also won Record Producer of the Year for Mr Searle's debut album, Slowly Diabolical.

Mr Searle first ventured to America when he was just 21, after the record company he had invested thousands of pounds in went bust. He soon found a manager who wanted to take his talent forward and his career got off to a promising start, but he had to put up with short trips to the US until he could organise a visa.

Earlier this year he was finally able to return to LA for long enough to launch his debut album, along with his own record label, Inspire U.

Winning the high-profile award was a triumphant but poignant moment for Mr Searle, whose father chose the record label's name before his sudden death last year.

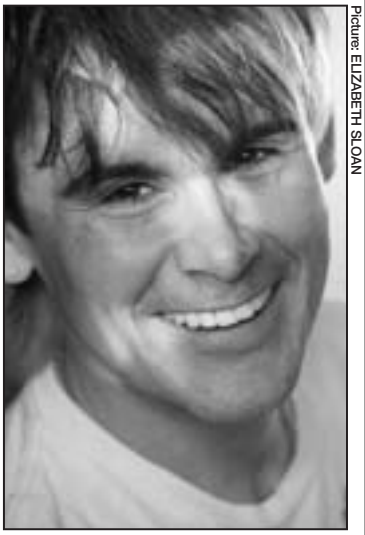
"It has been fun and I wouldn't want to be anything else, but being independent is a lot of work," Mr Searle said. "So when you win a prestigious music award it signifies that the music industry has noticed the talent and hard work.

"It means they are finally sitting up and paying attention. It really is a dream come true."

After such a strong start, the British invasion looks set to continue next year.

"I am honoured to be named International Artist of the Year and extremely proud that my producer also won," Mr Searle said. "This is the beginning of a fantastic 2009."

• ***Find out more about Kris Searle and hear his music at www.krissearle.com.***



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MADE IT: Kris Searle, from Herne Bay, has been named International Artist of the Year at the Los Angeles Music Awards

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Jobs promise as discounter expands

ALDI is set for a huge expansion in Kent, creating up to 500 new jobs, as cash-conscious shoppers pour through its doors.

The expansion – due to happen over the next few years – comes at a time when the credit squeeze is tightening purse-strings and more shoppers turn to discount outlets such as Aldi, Netto and Lidl.

The German-owned firm said its £100 million expansion plan for the county will add between 80 and 100 jobs a year with key developments.

In a statement to KOS Media it said it already has ten stores in the region, and has plans to open stores in Strood and Maidstone in the next two years as well as a £40 million pound depot on the Isle of Sheppey.

Graham Hetherington, managing director for London and the South East, said: "We have big plans in Kent as we see it as key for our development in the South East.

"In addition to the planned stores, we are also looking to expand in areas like Ashford and Whitstable and in total we'll be looking at investing around £100m into the region.

"We're currently seeing the biggest shift in customers away from the Big four supermarkets in 20 years as more customers are making savings on their groceries at Aldi.

"Already, we had to extend stores in Gillingham, Swanley, Sittingbourne, Dover and Hythe to allow for the higher sales."

Green report writes off coal power plan

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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CONTROVERSIAL proposals for a new coal-fired power station will be "dead in the water" if the Government adopts the recommendations of its climate watchdog, according to environmentalists.

Lord Turner's Committee on Climate Change said coal plants, such as the one planned at Kingsnorth on the Hoo Peninsula, should not be built unless they can capture all their CO2 emissions by the 2020s.

John Sauven, executive director of Greenpeace, said: "Assuming the Government accepts the advice of its own climate change committee then Kingsnorth is dead in the water. E.on's investors and the company's executives will read the Turner report with sweaty palms, as their coal plans don't even come close to satisfying the standards the committee is demanding."

However, the German energy giant disagreed and said the report does not mean a new coal power station can be ruled out.

A spokesman said the company welcomed Monday's report and was pleased Lord Turner recognised the importance of developing carbon capture and storage (CCS) technology.

Mr Sauven said: "It is incredibly significant that Lord Turner says we can't deliver a low-carbon energy system by relying on the European emissions trading scheme (ETS) alone.

"For too long ministers have treated the ETS like a magic box – you put a polluting industry in there and it disappears. Now the climate change committee is saying we need extra regulation to combat unacceptably high emissions from coal."

He added that the quickest, cheapest and fastest way to slash emissions and meet the country's energy demands was to invest in efficiency, renewable energy and super-efficient combined-heat-and-power plants based on the Scandinavian model.



NOT GREEN: Lord Turner's report says power stations like the one for Kingsnorth should not be built

E.on's spokesman said the company believes it will win the Government's CCS competition, which will provide funds to come up with a demonstration plant.

"We believe that by 2014 we will have a working model [of CCS technology] and it will be viable on a commercial scale by 2019. So that fits the timescale," he added.

Greg Clark, the Tories' climate change spokesman, welcomed the committee's report and said it provided a useful 'roadmap' on how reducing carbon emissions 80 per cent by 2050 would be achieved.

The MP for Tunbridge Wells said: "Carbon emissions and energy insecurity are problems that share the same cause: our dependence on increasingly uncertain sources of fossil fuels and an ageing and inefficient energy infrastructure. They also share the same solution: an orderly transition to a low carbon economy.

"The targets recommended by the committee are stretching and the Government has a long way to go if it is to meet them."

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New passenger route at Manston

KENT International Airport bosses have announced a deal with Europe's biggest low-cost airline.

Flybe and KIA will offer routes to the Channel Island of Jersey in summer 2009.

The Manston airport's chief executive, Matt Clarke, announced the deal at the Kent International Airport Consultative Committee meeting on Tuesday.

He said more details will follow later this week but Flybe says fares will start at £73.99 one way, including taxes and charges.

Mike Rutter, Flybe's chief commercial officer, said: "Our summer schedule shows us continuing to strengthen our operations across the UK and Europe.

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Spanish accountant wants to become Ukip MEP in 2009

Marta for the cause

EXCLUSIVE

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

THE controversial former chief accountant of the European Commission claims insider knowledge makes her the perfect candidate to represent the people of Kent abroad.

Argentine-born Spaniard Marta Andreasen was fired from the EC in 2005 for raising concerns about the potential for fraud in the European Union, and is still fighting to clear her name in the courts.

Her belief that all countries should be free from super-state rule led her to join the UK Independence Party (Ukip) as its treasurer, She now plans to run in European polls next year to become a MEP for the South East.

Mrs Andreasen said: "It occurred to me that I could make a much better contribution to the party if I stood as an MEP because I know what goes on inside the EC.

"I know where the bodies lie and they fear me quite a lot because of the way they treated me.

"The strongest support I received at the time I was fired was from the British people, and I think they saw me as someone who was suffering in the EC but who stood against it.

"Now I think I can make an impact again."

When Mrs Andreasen started her job with the commission in 2002, she was alarmed at the use of outdated accounting software that she felt was open to fraud.



CANDIDATE: Marta Andreasen will be standing for election as an MEP for the UK Independence Party in next year's election

After her concerns were largely ignored by senior officials in Brussels, she went public and refused to sign off the previous year's accounts. Her actions led to her suspension and eventual firing for "failing to show sufficient loyalty and respect".

Mrs Andreasen said: "I have no regrets. If people at the EC say I went public without talking to people inside first, then they're being untruthful.

"I tried to get people to understand that changes needed to be made urgently and there is documentation to prove it.

"I also tried to go through the European Parliament before I went public, and I think I had a right to do so as the chief accountant.

"After that they promised a number of reforms but judging by the year-on-year reports from the auditors, little has changed. It's just window-dressing."

Mrs Andreasen's experiences with the EC led her to join Ukip, as she felt Brussels was imposing ever-increasing policies on its member nations.

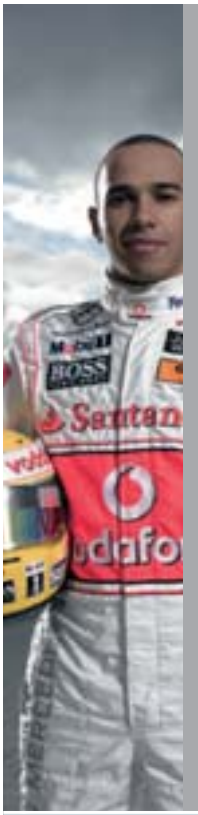
When she stands at next June's election, she will be the party's number two candidate behind its leader and current South East MEP Nigel Farage, who lives in Westerham, Bromley.

Mrs Andreasen said: "I think Ukip is going to do very well next year. We are the only party actively seeking Britain's withdrawal from the EU, and I think a lot of people support that.

"I think people in a number of other European countries share that view too, although there are no other groups that are organised enough to do something about it.

"That's why it's very important Ukip succeeds, so it can set an example to others."

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Call to battle egg donor shortage

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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YOUNG women in Kent are being urged to help combat an egg donor shortage and help couples desperate to start a family.

The National Gamete Donation Trust, which is a Government-funded charity set up to raise awareness about the lack of gamete or eggs, sperm and embryos, launched an appeal this week to cut waiting times and give hundreds of women the chance to conceive.

Pip Morris, recruitment manager at the trust, said: "We are running this campaign – Give Hope, Give Life – because we are desperately short of donors in this area and need 500 more egg donors to meet demand.

"The whole purpose is to encourage more women to find out more about donation and get some free and impartial advice from us.

"We are looking for 21 to 35-year-olds, mothers and non-mothers and all ethnicities."

The appeal was launched on Monday at Kings Hospital in London, and two women from Kent were among those who shared their experiences of egg donation.

Asked why there is such a shortage of donors in London and the Home Counties, Ms Morris said:

"There have never been enough donors in this country, purely down to women not knowing they can help other women in this way.

"A lot of people think it is do with the removal of anonymity, but we have never had enough donors.

"It is an altruistic gift women can give to others and something that should not be undertaken lightly, but it can change someone's life."

In April 2005 the anonymity was lifted for donors, meaning anyone born using donated egg, sperm or embryos will be allowed to ask the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, to reveal the donor's identity when they are over 18.

But the child has no legal, financial, social or moral rights over their donor, the HFEA said.

Women need donated eggs for a number of reasons, including if they have lost their ovaries due to cancer, surgery, chemotherapy, radiotherapy or because of suffering early menopause.

Ema Locker, from the Bridge Centre, a fertility clinic near London Bridge station that is supporting the campaign, said women who decide they want to give eggs have a medical history check to ensure there is no reason why they cannot donate.

Counselling is offered to suitable women and their partners and the IVF treatment involves a series of self-administered injections, she said.

During the 'donation cycle', doctors manage the woman's natural cycle and stimulate the development of additional eggs, which are then collected and fertilised.

Donors are monitored by ultrasound scans and blood tests to check the woman's hormone levels.

• ***For more information call the National Gamete Donation Trust on 0845 2269193 or visit www.ngdt.co.uk.***

CAMPAIGN: Give Hope, Give Life was set up to combat the shortage of egg donors

Women giving and receiving to change lives

AFTER suffering from an illness that left her unable to conceive naturally, a Dartford woman was told she would be able to have a baby using donated eggs.

Marie Martin-Wheeler said when she was told at 13 that her ovarian dysgenesis would affect her chance of starting her own family the doctors were confident an egg donor would be available.

The 30-year-old said: "When I was ready to start a family I was told there was a shortage of eggs and I would have to find my own.

"My cousin stepped in, which was lucky because it is a difficult thing to ask someone."

Sadly, the first attempt failed and Mrs Martin-Wheeler has now been waiting four years for a child.

"You are giving someone hope," she said, appealing to other women to find out more about egg donation. "It does not take that long out of someone's life."



DONATION: Keri Spring and Marie Martin-Wheeler

Mother-of-two Keri Spring has told how she became an egg donor for her best friend.

Ms Spring, who lives in Ashford and is a part-time singer, said the friends started trying for second babies together and she was able to get pregnant quickly.

The 30-year-old's friend had seven miscarriages.

She said: "I was 28 at the time, so it was a now-or-never decision and seemed obvious. I had seen her going through the miscarriages and I wanted to stop the hurting for her and help her make a little boy or girl.

"Egg donation was something I'd heard about years ago and put to the back of my mind, but when I looked into it, it is only a few weeks out of your life and it will make such a huge difference to someone else's life."

Her friend now has twin boys.

Man jailed over airgun incident

A LABOURER who blinded a schoolgirl in one eye after accidentally shooting her with an airgun has been jailed for 18 months.

Tristram Keen, 23, from Sturry, near Canterbury, was sentenced at Canterbury Crown Court on Tuesday after a jury found him guilty of unlawful and malicious wounding.

His 12-year-old victim will have the pellet lodged behind her eye socket for the rest of her life.

Judge Michael O'Sullivan said Keen had been "reckless in the extreme" when he fired the weapon in private woods in Hersden, near Canterbury, in July 2007.

He added: "By pleading not guilty, Keen made three children go through the ordeal of having to give evidence in court.

"I have nothing but admiration for the courage they have all shown, in particular the young girl who has had to come to terms with losing the sight in one eye.

"I hope the actions of this man will serve as a warning to anyone considering using an air weapon that they take every precaution to ensure the safety of others around them."

Keen had gone to shoot with an eight-year-old boy when the girl and her younger sister went to the woods to meet them.

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Credit crunch keeps tourists out of county

KENT'S visitor numbers fell by seven per cent in September, compared to the same month last year, as the credit squeeze took effect, new figures show.

The latest Business Barometer produced by Visit Kent's research team indicates that visits to attractions generally are less of a priority in the current climate – and people may be saving up for Christmas instead of going for day trips.

A spokesman for Visit Kent said: "September was not a good month and urban attractions, in particular, suffered. The better weather at the end of the month may have encouraged people to travel into the rural areas, which may have also been helped by the reduction in fuel costs."

There was a considerable difference between charging and free attractions, with free attractions faring badly this month. The percentage change varied from 89 per cent, down to 33 per cent up for the year-on-year comparison.

However, in the charging category, results ranged from 64 per cent down to 294 per cent up. Reasons for the increases ranged from increased public awareness, more advertising and publicity to more UK holidaymakers.

Most businesses – 54 per cent – still feel positive about the future, or expect business to remain the same in spite of the economic conditions.

The self-catering accommodation market is still strong, and, although length of stay has reduced slightly, occupancy overall has increased by about 15 per cent.

Visit Kent said: "This reinforces the trend for visitors to look for cost savings in the current economic decline. Savings are being sought through accommodation where visitors can organise their own catering and activities."

The Port of Dover has benefited in September from the closure of Eurotunnel because of the tunnel fire and redirected cross-channel traffic – Eurotunnel figures were 53 per cent down. Tunnel services are expected to be fully reopened by February.

World Cup 2010 should be a goal for businesses

Seeda chief in call to make most of potential in South Africa

By **CHRIS MURPHY**
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BUSINESSES in Kent have been urged to look into how they can cash in on the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.

In an exclusive interview, South East England Development Agency (Seeda) chairman James Brathwaite said nobody should underestimate the business potential of the nation.

He said the scope for doing business with companies and even the government of South Africa is boundless.

Mr Brathwaite, who became the South East's honorary consul to the country in the summer, said: "This was to foster better links between Kent and the South East with South Africa as a whole.

"The role the World Cup is going to play in South Africa's development is very important and South East companies need to get involved, including tour operators and even supporters.

"The time could not be better to approach the South Africans for help in every aspect."

Sidcup firm Icon Displays, which employs 70, is one such firm seeking to take advantage of the football tournament.

Representatives attended last month's Soccerex exhibition in South Africa to promote its signage skills, and Icon has now opened an office in Johannesburg with hopes of winning contracts around the 2009 Confederations Cup and the 2010 World Cup.



CONSUL: James Brathwaite says Kent businesses need to get involved ahead of the 2010 World Cup in South Africa

Managing director John Francis said: "The South African market for high-quality event branding and signage is burgeoning, especially with the news the country will be holding a number of key sporting events."

The UK remains one of the top three investors in South Africa, with £76m of two-way trade last year.

Mr Brathwaite said: "This is a major sporting event that requires the services of many companies, and there is no reason why companies in Kent should not look very carefully at what they can do to help put on this event.

"We want Kent companies to do what they can to put South Africa on the map as a place to do business with – companies in the county must reach out to South Africa, and do it now."

Bob Jones, from Business Link, said: "Targeting overseas events and new markets is a good way for a company to grow and we would signpost companies to UK Trade & Investment to find out more about the necessary cultural, logistic and currency differences which they will need to consider.

"Companies should speak to Business Link in the first instance as only those with a consolidated, strong business model with the right people, processes and planning in place and a good track record in their own domestic market will be successful at winning overseas business."

Jo James, chief executive of the Invicta Chamber of Commerce, said businesses needed to act quickly if they wanted to benefit from the event.

He added: "Unless they take a good hard look at the World Cup and what is required, they are not going to know what opportunities are available. It will soon be too late, so quick action is needed."

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In a talk organised by the National Farmers' Union, Dr Chris Oura, head of the Bluetongue Reference Laboratory at the Institute for Animal Health in Surrey, will speak at Ashford's Stockpot restaurant on February 11.

Dr Oura said: "It is vital livestock keepers continue vaccinating their stock against BTV-8 (bluetongue serotype eight) into 2009."

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Hilary set to sail again in round-UK record bid

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DISABLED sailor Hilary Lister will be praying for better weather when she has another go at travelling solo around the coast of Britain.

Strong winds caused the 36-year-old, from Canterbury, to abandon her first attempt earlier this year, but the disappointment has made her even more determined to complete the voyage.

Mrs Lister, who is paralysed from the neck down due to a neurological disorder, became the first quadriplegic to sail solo both across the Channel in 2005 and around the Isle of Wight two years later.



TECHNIQUE: Hilary Lister controls her boat by puffing into three straws

She did so using an innovative technique that allows her to control her boat by sipping from and puffing into three straws connected to sensitive pressure switches.

Mrs Lister said: "It was gutting to have to abandon this year's attempt, not just for me but for the whole team who bought into the idea of me travelling around the coast of Britain.

"But I don't like leaving things unfinished and this is why I'm going to give it another go next year."

Mrs Lister announced the relaunch of the Round Britain Dream at the Sail, Power and Watersports Show at Earl's Court at the end of last month.

The voyage will also raise money for Hilary's Dream Trust – a charity she set up to help other disabled people achieve their sailing dreams.

Mrs Lister said: "When I was a disabled child I found that people threw money at me and I was treated to anything from Outward Bound day-trips to visits to Disneyland.

"Sick and disabled children are very emotive and people are always willing to put their hands in their pockets for them, but when I turned 16 everything seemed to stop.

"The aim of my charity is to pick up those people who have a particular sailing dream which some people my say is undoable and help them be successful."

Mrs Lister only began sailing in 2003 when she was taken on a lake by a friend, and she credits the experience with saving her life.

She said: "I had reached a point where I couldn't see the point of carrying on with my life, but now I can.

"If I'm sitting at home and I want to move from one chair to another because the sun is in my eyes, I have to get someone to push me. But on the water I can do all that on my own, and it's just tremendous."

Mrs Lister is looking for sponsors to help her on the round-Britain voyage, which is expected to cost £65,000.

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Winner Beth on the ball

A TEENAGER has won an award for her help in developing a Paralympic sport.

Beth Moulam, 14, who attends the specialist Valence School in Westerham, near Sevenoaks, was recognised by The Lord's Taverners charity at a ceremony last weekend (pictured).

The youngster is a regular player and promoter of the sport of boccia, which is a ball game governed by the Cerebral Palsy International Sport and Recreation Association.

Her dedication to the pastime has even led to her mother setting up the Epsom and Ewell Boccia Club, in Surrey.

Lord's Taverners chief executive Matthew Patten said: "Many awards focus on people and sportsmen who have achieved success at the elite level of their disciplines.

"But the Sports Endeavour Awards are designed to recognise and support youngsters who have shown themselves to be shining examples of sporting endeavour."





Muslims 'deserve choice to wed'

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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MEMBERS of the Muslim community in Kent have welcomed new laws to prevent forced marriages and protect victims of the abusive tradition.

The Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007 came into force last week, coinciding with International Day to Eliminate Violence Against Women, and means courts will now have the power to stop forced marriages.

Under the legislation a victim, friend or the police can apply for a Forced Marriage Protection Order and penalties for breaching the order include up to two years in prison.

Ejaz Aslam, chairman of the Gravesend and Dartford Muslim Association, said: "Anyone in their right mind would say it is wrong and should not be acceptable in this day and age.

"I think some people believe that the Muslim faith perhaps allows it to happen but that is not the case.

"Islam forbids forced marriage – in fact if they have not given their consent then it is void. However, obviously within our culture, I think it would be wrong to deny that it does not occur."

He said people's perceptions were changing and more parents were seeing that their children deserve a choice.

The law means courts can order people to hand over passports, reveal the whereabouts of a person thought to be at risk and stop someone from being taken abroad.

Nationally, the Forced Marriage Unit has handled 1,500 reports so far this year.

"I can understand the idea because I understand our culture," Mr Aslam said. "When people commit the crime, it is to preserve their honour and respect of the family. I appreciate that, but it still does not mean it is right."

Anwar Khan, 65, a member of the association, said: "People should not be forced to marry anyone.

I have had no experience in my family. Fortunately, most of my family are educated."

Shazia Qayum, who works for the national charity Karma Nirvana, which supports victims of forced marriage and honour-based violence, is a survivor of the practice.

She welcomed the new bill, which will protect victims through family courts, but she said the charity would continue lobbying to make it a criminal offence.

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Cancer conqueror becomes catwalk queen for charity

BREAST cancer survivor Amanda Pound took to the catwalk to help raise more than £10,000 for charity.

The 37-year-old, from Aylesford (pictured), was one of several to model dresses inspired by the legendary Spanish painter Salvador Dali at a fashion show in London.

All proceeds from the event were donated to Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

Mrs Pound said: "I'm a long-standing supporter of Breakthrough, so was thrilled to have the opportunity to model at this exclusive event.

"As I've had personal experience of breast cancer, the cause is very close to me and it's fantastic the evening has raised so much for Breakthrough's vital work."

The fashion show, which took place at The Dali Universe, involved dresses created by some of the world's leading designers including Julien MacDonald, Anouska Hempel, Allegra Hicks and Vivia Ferragamo.

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Christmas Mourning?





Christmas morning should be a time of joy, but some families in Kent will be missing loved ones this year as a result of drinking and driving.

Every year in Kent, over 250 people are either killed or injured as a result of drinking and driving, which wrecks their lives and the lives of those around them.

That's why this year's anti drink-driving campaign is focusing on how different your Christmas – and the rest of your life – could be as a result of driving under the influence of alcohol.

Kent Highway Services is leading the campaign and we launched it by taking a Christmas tree display to four town locations around the county. Our road safety team along with our campaign partners, Kent Police, were on hand at each location to speak to potential Christmas revellers before the party season really starts.

The display featured a banner on the tree with the text 'Christmas Mourning? Drinking and Driving Wrecks Lives' to remind motorists that Christmas morning could take on a very different meaning. The display also included a lone unwrapped present among wrapping paper to represent those killed by drink driving who will not be opening their gifts this year.

By taking the tree out a little bit early, we hope that we've got people's attention and spread the message before festivities really begin.

The campaign will run until mid-January to capture New Year festivities too and it will include bus back advertising, billboards, posters, leaflets and a TV advert.

This isn't just about education though, Kent Police are carrying out additional enforcement to target drink drivers. They will also be carrying out roadside Field Impairment Tests to check co-ordination and spatial awareness of any drivers who they suspect have been drink-driving.

Remember too that you still could be over the legal limit to drive the morning after drinking, and when Kent Police are called to the scene of a crash, everyone involved will be automatically breathalysed.

Even if you drink and drive and manage to avoid crashing into someone, it could still wreck your life. The minimum a drink driver can expect when caught is a driving ban, a hefty fine, and they'll run the risk of imprisonment.

As part of the campaign, we're reminding motorists that even a small amount of alcohol, even if it's below the legal limit, will affect how safely you can drive. Alcohol affects judgement, perception and reaction times. If you want to be sure that alcohol won't affect your driving – don't drink any!

If you're planning for a night out, think about how you'll be getting home; do you need to book a taxi, check public transport timetables or designate an alcohol-free driver for the evening?

If you're the designated driver, remember that a car full of passengers that have been drinking could be very distracting and could have an effect on your driving – if you're worried, book a taxi! Think about your passengers too and where you'll be dropping them off, especially if they'll have to cross a road to get home. It's a shocking statistic that half of all pedestrians killed after midnight are 'drunk'.

Drinking and driving wrecks lives unnecessarily. Make sure you get home safely to open your gifts this year.



Kent Highway Services

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Ashford	Current	12.12.08	A251 Trinity Road, Kennington	Temporary traffic lights – new gas mains
	9.12.08	15.12.08	A28 Ashford Road, Tenterden	Temporary traffic lights – new gas mains
Thanet	Current	15.12.08	Haine Road, Westwood	Temporary traffic lights – carriageway works
Shepway	Current	16.12.08	Aldington Road, Lympne	Temporary traffic lights – gas mains works
Sevenoaks	8.12.08	19.12.08	London Road, Swanley	Temporary traffic lights – gas mains works
Gravesend	11.12.08	17.12.08	Pelham Road, Gravesend	Temporary traffic lights – gas mains works

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VAT's not the way they like it in Medway

Tax cut not justified, says council

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MEDWAY Council has stepped into the eye of a VAT storm after it announced it is not passing on to the public a 2.5 per cent cut in the tax.

The Federation of Small Businesses hit out after it had heard some local authorities were not passing it on and so, it said, potentially hitting small firms because of parking fees, which could be lower.

Some councils were quick to point out they were passing on the cut, but in a statement to KOS Media, Medway Council said Chancellor Alistair Darling's lowering of VAT in his Pre-Budget Report was only temporary.

The statement read: "The administrative cost of immediately reducing our fees to match this short-term measure, when compared to the small savings that would be passed on, would be too great to justify.

"Doing this could also, in the long run, cost Medway residents more than it could save them.

"Lowering our fees to reflect the drop – which only runs until New Year's Eve next year – would, for example, result in a person buying a full charge ticket for the pantomime paying £18.13 rather than £18.50.

"Equally, the price of a £1 parking fee would only fall to 98p.

Costs

"The council would incur significant costs through all the temporary changes we would then need to make such as recalibrating pay machines at car parks and other places as well as changing all the signs, publications, leaflets and advertising that we use to advertise our fees."

However, a spokesman for Gravesham council said: "We will, of course, pass on the reduction in VAT – but we have very little in the way of VAT-able services to the public."

A Kent County Council spokesman said: "We will be passing on the lower rate where appropriate, especially in the current economic climate – we are trying to help businesses wherever we can."

And Canterbury City Council is also passing on the cut where appropriate.

The FSB said: "Local government already raises £1.6 billion in parking charges as a source of revenue – bleeding our high streets dry by making it difficult for shoppers to park.

"Parking is of paramount importance to small businesses. We are calling for local authorities to get into the festive spirit and make parking free in town centres over the Christmas period.

"Free parking will provide a much needed stimulus to our local towns and villages across the country in these difficult times."

Andrew Aves, FSB regional organiser for Kent and Medway said: "Small businesses are dependent on local authorities to provide sensible and well balanced parking policies that allow people to shop in town centres without being hit by unfair parking charges.

"The failure of some local authorities to pass on the VAT cut will blight many small businesses' at one of the most important times of the year – Christmas."

However, most Kent local authorities make a free parking concession over the festive period as a matter of course.

Ashford, which usually charges for Sundays, is making car parks in the borough free during Sundays, as usual each Christmas, and Gravesham is making car parking free on Saturdays during December. It already has free parking on Sundays.



PROUD MUM: Foufou shows off baby Louna

Foufou shows off her pride and joy

A NEWBORN baby gorilla is out and about taking in her new surroundings at a Kent wild animal park.

Louna is named after the river that runs through the Lesio-Louna Reserve in Congo that is managed by the Aspinall Foundation, which runs Port Lympne Wild Animal Park, near Hythe.

She joins 24 other Western Lowland Gorillas at the zoo and is the daughter of Foufou, 16, who was born at the foundation's other park Howletts, near Canterbury.

Phil Ridges, head of the gorilla section, said: "We knew Foufou was expecting but she kept us waiting a bit longer than we anticipated.

"Yet again she has shown signs of being an excellent mother and visitors can already see the baby out and about in its family enclosure with mum."

Djala, 26, who was rescued from Congo, is the father of 25 babies born at the zoos.

There are only 100,000 of the gorillas left in the world and it is predicted they will be extinct by 2020

Deforestation, the Ebola virus and the bush meat trade continue to endanger these beautiful primates.



Isle have a pay rise, thanks

WAGES in parts of Kent have risen by as much as 60 per cent in the last five years, according to a new report.

The Halifax bank analysed the 150 top increases around the UK, which included six in the county.

The Isle of Thanet saw the highest rise in Kent, with wages going up from £18,769 in 2003 to £29,956 this year, a rise of 60 per cent.

Dr Steve Ladyman, Labour MP for South Thanet, welcomed the increase.

"This is great news for people in Thanet and shows once again how much better the area has been doing since 1997," he said.

"We have got more people into work and more into better paid jobs. We mustn't get too carried away though – we still have higher than average unemployment in Thanet and a lot of people who aren't yet in the sort of work that they really want and that means we can't be complacent."

Standards

On average, earnings in Britain have risen by a fifth in the last five years, according to the bank's analysis of data from the Office of National Statistics' Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings.

Britons are now, on average, getting paid £31,500 – 21 per cent, or £5,561, more than they were five years ago when the average wage was £25,939.

Shepway saw a rise of 47 per cent, followed by Gravesham on 37 per cent, then on 25 per cent was Dartford and Tonbridge and Malling, with Maidstone on 24 per cent and Sevenoaks at 18 per cent.

During the same five-year period, retail prices have risen by 18 per cent, which suggests an increase in disposable income and higher living standards for the average Briton.

The Halifax singled out Thanet in its report, saying: "The earnings of those living in Thanet, for example, have increase by almost triple the rise of the national average, up 60 per cent compared to 2003."

Martin Ellis, the bank's chief economist, said: "Average earnings in Great Britain have risen by more than retail prices over the past five years, indicating an increase in living standards for the typical worker."

He said in real terms, average earnings have grown by three per cent since 2003 when the increase in the cost of living is taken into account. Sevenoaks was the lowest recorded increase at 18 per cent.

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Banned driver caught by police learns tough lesson with jail term

A DISQUALIFIED driver has been jailed after he was caught ignoring his second driving ban in three years.

Peter Savage, 29, from Canterbury, will spend the next 180 days behind bars after his car was blocked in by police in a country lane earlier this year.

Appearing before city magistrates last week, the roofer was also given another driving ban that will keep him off the road until October 2014.

East Kent police commander Chief Supt John Molloy said: "Savage had a blatant disregard for the law and the safety of the public.

"He has had ample time to remedy his behaviour, but has been criminally reckless and rightly goes to prison.

"All too often we see the tragic consequences of this type of selfish and dangerous behaviour."

Hunt for blonde who attacked man in club and left scene for taxi

A WOMAN accused of smashing a glass into a male clubber's face is wanted by police.

The alleged attack happened at Tunbridge Wells nightspot Davinchi's, between 10.45pm and 11.10pm on Saturday, November 29.

Following the incident the woman, who is thought to be in her mid-20s, left the club and walked to the railway station to catch a taxi. She is described as white and slim, with blonde, shoulder-length hair.

The man was treated for cuts to his face at Kent and Sussex Hospital.

Police would also like to speak with another man who stopped the victim as he attempted to follow the woman up the High Street. Call 01732 379217 or Kent CrimeStoppers, in confidence, on 0800 555111.

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‘Second star to the right’

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CHILDREN from the Liz Burville Performing Arts Centre will be flying high in Dartford this Christmas.

An integral part of Peter Pan, the Orchard Theatre’s pantomime, the young actors from the Bexley centre will be bringing the magic to life as the Darling family, the Lost Boys and other characters. Principal Liz Burville, pictured left, has been involved with the Orchard’s Christmas shows for 20 years, either as a dancer, choreographer or provider of talented young performers.



“The children are all very excited,” she said. “Most of them are quite experienced, which is probably why we are asked to take part each year. The children get very involved in rehearsals and it is a bit more demanding this year, particularly for the four boys playing Michael and John Darling.”

The key characters were handpicked by the show’s director and star, comedian Joe Pasquale, and rehearsals got under way on November 24. Aged between six and 13, the children show remarkable discipline and talent for ones so young.

During performances the young cast are looked after by chaperones who are mostly parents of students. Some regularly offer their services, even if their own children are not appearing in the show.

“The chaperones have as much fun as the kids,” Ms Burville said. “When there is a break between two performances, they go out and Dartford gets hit by a bevy of excited children, singing all the songs from the shows.”

For Ms Burville, the opportunity to take part in the show is not only great fun for her students, but can also be an inspiration for other children. “It’s especially good for local schools, which will have received leaflets about the pantomime,” she said. “It’s really exciting to think these kids can be in a high-profile production and other children can come along and enjoy it too.”

Ms Burville believes providing children with a good first experience of theatre will affect them for life. “Once a child has been exposed to live theatre, hopefully they will want to see more of it,” she said.

“Panto is a perfect way of introducing them to it. Children are so used to seeing things on TV and computer games, it’s important they get into a live environment.”

Peter Pan is at the Orchard Theatre until January 11. To book tickets call the box office on 01322 220000 or visit the website at www.orchardtheatre.co.uk.

• ***See today’s Review magazine for a round-up of pantomimes being put on around Kent over the Christmas and New Year period.***



LOST BOYS: Young actors at the Orchard

WIN tickets to the Orchard panto

PETER PAN

AS MEDIA sponsors to this fantastic panto, KOS Media has teamed up with the Orchard Theatre to offer 15 readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to the 7pm show on January 6.



Headstrong fairies, treacherous pirates, ticking crocodiles and the high adventure of Neverland all descend on the Orchard Theatre, Dartford, this Christmas in the magical production of Peter Pan, starring Joe Pasquale.

Generations of children and adults have been enthralled by JM Barrie’s tale of the boy who never grew up.

Peter Pan takes the Darling children on the most breathtaking adventure of their lives, to a place called Neverland, a strange country where the Lost Boys live, a land with mermaids, fairies and pirates – and the terrible Captain Hook and his bumbling sidekick Smee, played by the hilarious Pasquale.

An unforgettable concoction of fantasy, magic, humour and villainy together with sumptuous sets, beautiful costumes, stunning flying sequences and all-round Christmas sparkle and entertainment for the whole family. Squeaky-voiced Pasquale is one of the UK’s favourite comedians. Joining him in Peter Pan are Alex Giannini as Captain Hook, Lila McConigley as Tiger Lily, Charlie Bruce as Wendy, Daniella Gibb as Peter Pan and Kerry Egan as Tinkerbell. Peter Pan runs from Friday until Sunday, January 11. Tickets are selling fast and can be obtained from the box office on 01322 220000, or by booking online at www.orchardtheatre.co.uk.

To enter the competition to win the tickets simply answer this question:

What is the name of the fairy in Peter Pan?

Send your entry on a postcard along with your e-mail address (if applicable), name, address, and daytime telephone number to Orchard Theatre Competition, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent, TN25 6SR. No purchase necessary. The closing date is December 12.

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Dickens' French accent

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THE final, unfinished novel of Charles Dickens is explored in an award-winning new book by a French author.

Only six of the planned 12 instalments of The Mystery of Edwin Drood were written before the great author's death in 1870, at his Gad's Hill Place home, Higham.

Set in a fictionalised Rochester, called Cloisterham, the novel evokes the town's atmosphere, streets and buildings and numerous authors have attempted to provide a worthy ending to the unfinished work.

Jean-Pierre Ohl's debut novel, Mr Dick or The Tenth Novel, uses a story-within-a-story technique, blending Dickens and some of his characters into the French writer's plot.

The author, who is from Talance, near Bordeaux, said: "What has interested me in The Mystery of Edwin Drood was the amount of publications about that unfinished novel, which shows the power of literature to the point of creating a new genre, 'Droodian' literature.

"Moreover, I'm fascinated by unfinished works, such as Bouvard et Pécuchet by Flaubert, because the reader becomes more involved and gets the feeling he has the duty of giving an end to the story.

Addiction

"What is also interesting in unfinished works is that a writer, who conveys an idea of eternity through his writing, is suddenly brought back to his human condition, meaning death."

The novel's narrator, Francois Daumal, has had a passion bordering on addiction for Dickens since he first read David Copperfield as a young boy.

He has read everything the author and social campaigner wrote and develops a particular obsession with Edwin Drood in later life, becoming an expert on all things Dickensian.

Asked whether he shares the same passion for the English author as his protagonist, M. Ohl, 49, said: "I didn't read Dickens when I was a child, as most people do. I started when I was 30.

"My brother once gave me a text in which he was narrating the first time he got drunk. I found it really amusing and he told me it was a pastiche of Dickens from David Copperfield."

This sparked the writer's interest and he read David Copperfield, which is the most autobiographical of Dickens' works, and Our Mutual Friend.

"For me, Dickens is 'the' novelist, because of the infinite possibilities of creating characters and fictional situations, which give an altogether a vivid picture of his time. What I wanted to do in my novel was to write about a character



whose passion for literature drove him into confusing fiction and reality."

M. Ohl has never been to Kent and worked from maps and pictures of the Medway towns in the Victorian era. Yet despite his influence around the world, Dickens remains relatively unknown in France.

M. Ohl said: "A distinguished teacher of French contemporary literature told me once disdainfully, 'Oh, yes, that Dickens – the one who made Little Lord Fauntleroy.' But there are exceptions. Novelist René Beletto wrote a tremendous book about Great Expectations and there was a Dickens revival with [Roman] Polanski's Oliver Twist movie.

"One may class Dickens in the category of social realism, with Balzac, for instance. But I'm much more interested in his baroque imagination and extravagant style. We don't have any equivalent for that in France.

"Dickens is very much more 'modern' – a word I don't like – than it appears at the first sight.

"He deeply influenced such writers as Kafka – I think Bleak House was 'Kafkaïen' before the term was ever invented – Elias Canetti and Witold Gombrowicz."

Mr Dick (translated by Christine Donougher) will be published for the first time the UK this month. It has won three literary prizes in France.

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The Conservative MP for Maidstone and The Weald told KOS Media: "I was coming down some steps after a charity event in London and was holding a big bouquet of flowers.

"There was a patch of slime on the steps, which everyone else saw and avoided, but I did not."

The former shadow Home Secretary, who retires at the next general election, has crutches and her left foot is in a surgical boot.

The MP will not be able to make her traditional visit to each ward in her constituency and the emergency services on Christmas Day, but will hold surgeries as normal.

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Health trusts facing equality challenge

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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NHS trusts in Kent are set to be questioned if their workforce is not diverse and representative of the area they serve.

More than 100 clinicians and senior managers attended a conference this week organised by NHS South East Coast, the strategic health authority (SHA) that covers Kent, Surrey and Sussex, on improving equality, diversity and human rights.

It comes after a recent review found that black and ethnic minority health workers in the region were facing widespread disadvantages including a disproportionate number involved in bullying and harassment, grievance and disciplinary procedures.

Sue Webb, the SHA's director of clinical and workforce development, said: "If we can develop a workforce that is diverse and that respects human rights it will have a direct and positive impact on our ability to deliver care to our population."

The Race Equality Service Review was carried out by the SHA's Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Network.

It was significant under-representation of BME senior leaders and a disproportionate amount of people from BME backgrounds working just below middle management.

Ms Webb said the report, which was published in August, was helpful and had encouraged the SHA to accelerate its investigation into equality and diversity issues across the region.

The SHA has developed a scheme, which is being adopted by other authorities across the country, to find out how many BME staff are being employed and which pay band they are in throughout its 27 organisations.



PROBLEMS: Review found black and ethnic minority health workers in Kent still face disadvantages

Ms Webb said: "The network did its best at collecting data around ethnicity, which is a challenge for the whole of the public sector.

"We have this tool which provides a window into organisations and will allow us to challenge them."

At a meeting with chief executives, she said there would be a focus on leadership and "why we have not got more BME colleagues at board level".

The review found that Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust and East Kent Hospitals University NHS Trust have all-white British boards.

She said leadership was also an issue she wanted to discuss with Surinder Sharma, the Department of Health's director of equality and diversity, at the conference, about proposals to set targets for employing BME staff at board level.

Ms Webb said she was working with human resources to investigate the review's findings that a disproportionate amount of BME staff were involved in grievances, bullying and harassment cases.

At NHS West Kent, for example, BME employees made up 43 per cent of bullying and harassment procedures, but only accounted for seven per cent of the primary care trust's workforce.

A number of schemes aimed at improving the diversity of NHS organisations which fall under the SHA and at the same time reducing health inequalities are under way, Ms Webb said.

The PCT, NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent, and East Kent Hospitals University NHS Trust, are both taking part in an initiative call the Pacesetters Programme – aiming to make working environments fair and free of discrimination.

Ms Webb said: "It is about improving health inequalities across the six strands of diversity – disability, sexual orientation, gender, religion and beliefs, age and race.

"It is so important that we are developing our workforce, but the impact will be on the patient."

Call for job ads to target ethnic groups

JOB adverts should be targeted at specific groups to attract more people of black and ethnic minority origins to take up new posts, according to a Kent paramedic.

Winston Dwyer, who works as clinical education manager at South East Coast Ambulance (SECAmb) service, is co-chair of Aspire, a group which promotes equality and diversity throughout the trust and is open to all staff.

He said: "The percentage of BME staff within SECAmb is very low in comparison with the population that we serve.

"Part of Aspire's aim is to address that."

Mr Dwyer added that it was important ambulance staff represented the community they serve.

"For example, we serve areas with large Asian communities but members in the service are minimal," he said.

"We have done what we have always done as far as recruitment is concerned and changing that strategy is needed.

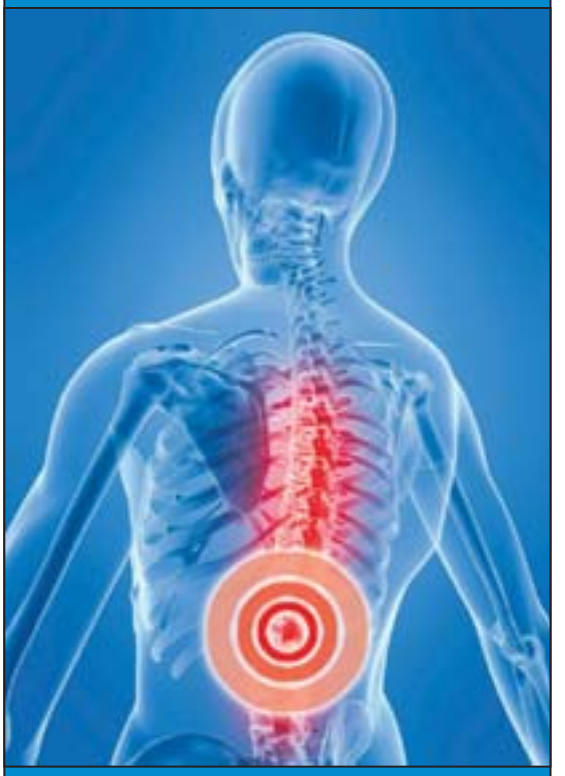
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Mr Dwyer said he had not been the victim of racism during his time in the ambulance service and had been able to progress well up the career ladder.



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Prince of Wales soldiers acclimatise ahead of tour to help mentor Iraqi forces in Basra

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Tigers are ready

Regiment finishes preparations in Kuwait

HUNDREDS of soldiers from Kent's county regiment have begun arriving in Iraq.

Last weekend, just over 350 troops serving with The 1st Battalion The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (1PWRR), known as 'The Armoured Tigers', were undergoing final training at Camp Buehring, a US base in the Kuwaiti desert close to the Iraqi border.

Specially chartered flights took off from Hanover airport every day last week to transfer the Germany-based personnel to Kuwait prior to moving to their permanent bases in Iraq.

The Armoured Tigers are in Iraq as part of the 20th Armoured Brigade (The Iron Fist). It is the third tour of the country for some of the men serving with 1PWRR, having been there previously in 2004 and 2006.

Stability

The Tigers are in Iraq to train and mentor the 14th Division of the Iraqi Army as Military Transition Teams.

Lieutenant Colonel Charlie Sykes, 1PWRR's commanding officer, said: "Our main role will be to work with the Iraqi Army to maintain security and stability across Basra.

"The Iraqis need to be able to sort out and police their own country long after we've gone. We're looking forward to delivering a real benefit to the people of Basra and particularly providing assistance to the ever-increasing capability of the Iraqi Army."

The 1PWRR troops completed compulsory acclimatisation training, known as "Reception, Staging and Onward Integration" in Kuwait.

Camp Buehring provided a final stopover for a number of Coalition troops en route to Iraq and the Armoured Tigers stayed there for about a week as they completed their preparations from a small UK area within the greater US base.

The Army said the training facilities at the dusty American transit camp include an "ultra-realistic" first-aid classroom with dolls that actually bleed – and blink – in response to the soldiers' actions. The Tigers have also been given cultural awareness and Arabic language classes, as well as trying out firing ranges in the middle of the Kuwaiti desert.

Following the period of acclimatisation, 1PWRR will move into locations in and around Basra City.

The troops have been preparing themselves since the tour was announced by the Defence Secretary in Parliament in September. Last month, the Armoured Tigers completed a massive rehearsal exercise in southern Germany. The three-week exercise at the Hohenfels Training Area in Bavaria included live firing and scenarios where soldiers acted the part of Iraqi civilians.

It will be the first tour of Iraq for 43-year-old Private Paul Dennis, a Territorial Army soldier from Broadstairs.

Speaking from Kuwait, the soldier said: "The training's been absolutely fantastic – everything really, particularly the language

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ON THE MARCH: Following the period of acclimatisation, the Armoured Tigers have begun moving onto their final locations in and around Basra City in southern Iraq

lessons and the firing ranges."

The TA soldier and full-time builder/labourer has no reservations about deploying with other regular soldiers nearly half his age.

He said: "I'm looking forward to going to Iraq. They're a brilliant bunch of lads – and they look after me anyway."

The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment is the County Regiment of Kent, Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire, with its headquarters in Canterbury.

The 1PWRR is normally stationed in Paderborn, north Germany, as part of the British Army's 20th Armoured Brigade (The Iron Fist). They will be in southern Iraq with the rest of the brigade until next summer.

In October, a separate detachment of 170 soldiers from 'B' Company 1PWRR were sent to Afghanistan for a six-month tour in Helmand Province with the Royal Marines.

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KNOWLEDGE BASE: Training facilities at Camp Buehring in Kuwait include a first-aid classroom with dolls that bleed and blink in response to the soldiers' actions



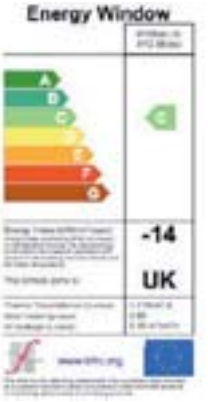
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Accolade for PC who prosecuted reckless swimmers

Dolphin case officer wins wildlife prize



FAIR COP: Dave/Davina the dolphin was protected by PC Andrew Small (inset)

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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A POLICE officer who helped prosecute two men caught harassing a dolphin off the Kent coast has been named Wildlife Law Enforcer of the Year.

PC Andrew Small is the county's first rural and environment crime co-ordinator, and last year formed part of a team that oversaw the case of Davina – formerly Dave – the dolphin.

The two men caught swimming with the creature in the Channel were eventually ordered to carry out unpaid work for recklessly disturbing a wild animal.

PC Small said: "The dolphin case was one that took quite a lot of time to get to the bottom of because it was unique. There had been a similar case in Scotland, but this was the first in England and Wales and it taught us a lot about how to build a wildlife case up.

"We needed to liaise with a number of environmental groups who told us about changes in dolphin behaviour, and we ended up with some really good evidence."

The law enforcer of the year award, which is sponsored by the WWF, was given to PC Small to recognise the contribution he has made to combating wildlife crime.

He said: "I was delighted to receive the award. It's a great honour and recognition of the work the force is doing in this area.

"Kent Police have been really supportive of my role and since we have been dealing with it the team has expanded and we are actively involved in tackling this element of criminality.

"In Kent there tends to be a bit of poaching and we receive the occasional report of badger baiting, but it's not as bad here as in some other parts of the country.

"The case of Davina the dolphin is probably the main one I've dealt with, but there are a few other important ones we are investigating at the moment that I can't say too much about.

"We've also been involved in the seizure of animal skins and things like that, which are always interesting because they have international implications. The things we do, we do for the good of all wildlife."

Heather Sohl, wildlife trade and policy officer at the WWF, said the organisation was proud to sponsor the law enforcement award.

She added: "It gives recognition to those who go far above and beyond the call of duty to catch criminals and prevent wildlife crime in the first place.

"It's a small way to show our appreciation of their dedication to stop serious environmental damage."

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'Horrific abuse is all too common'

THE horrific crimes of a man who repeatedly raped his two daughters and fathered nine children by them are not as uncommon as reports suggest, a Kent charity has warned.

Malcolm Gilbert is the operations director of Gravesend-based Family Matters, the country's largest provider of counselling for children and adult survivors of sexual abuse and rape.

He spoke out after the man – who cannot be named for legal reasons – admitted 25 rapes and was sentenced to a minimum of 19 and a half years by a court in Sheffield this week.

Mr Gilbert said: "The scale of this horrific catalogue of repeated rape and abuse has shocked everyone. But the fact that pregnancy can sometimes be the result of child sexual abuse should not shock, as it is all too common. Most end in miscarriage and abortion.

Worrying

"What is worrying is that this abuse still occurs as frequently as it does and survivors choose to remain silent and live in the darkness of fear and loneliness, isolated from support and counselling."

According to Department of Health statistics, 21 per cent of girls will experience some form of sexual abuse and much of that will include a form of sexual contact.

"Professionals were shocked by the scale of what has been uncovered and that these attacks led to 19 pregnancies," Mr Gilbert said.

"However, we should recognise that abusers, including fathers, do make young girls pregnant. We need more resources and we need to do much more to inform and educate the public, social and healthcare professionals and, crucially, support the victims."

An independent review has been launched into why social and health services did not uncover the abuse.

The 56-year-old man was only caught when his daughters finally broke their silence after more than 20 years.



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Rate cut to put dent in savings

WHAT the Bank of England has given with one hand, it appears to have taken away with the other.

While the decision to cut interest rates to help struggling families and businesses seems to be a noble one, it has done nothing to help savers, particularly pensioners.

Surely people who have put their money away for a rainy day should be rewarded rather than indirectly penalised?

Similar to the way in which the 10p tax rate was scrapped, the decision to lower interest rates seems to have been made with little thought as to how it will affect the everyday man on the street.

Considering the state the economy is, there appears to be an awful lot of money being thrown in every direction in an attempt to solve the problems the UK currently faces.

And that sort of decision-making will only end up leaving a bad taste in the mouths of all those pensioners and savers who will have less to spend this Christmas.

Has BBC taken the right steps?

A SET of steps leading onto a Broadstairs beach is not the obvious inspiration for a novel and a series of exciting spy films.

But when John Buchan saw them from the garden of his seaside home, he had the perfect title for his book, The 39 Steps.

BBC screenwriter Lizzie Mickery is the latest person to try and recreate the magic of the novel, and will be screened on December 28.

Here's hoping her efforts will live up to what Buchan originally intended.

OPINION: Our state of unease



Constituency correspondence has no protection or privilege under the law, as shown by the arrest of Damian Green. It's time MPs tackled this crucial issue, says Roger Gale

THE case of the Ashford One, as it has become known in the House of Commons, raises a number of important questions.

Some of these have been widely aired in the press during the past week; most remain to be answered, perhaps, in the parliamentary debate on Monday; and there is one very fundamental issue that has not been touched upon at all.

First, MPs are not above the law. Nor do we wish to be. If we are caught speeding, we are tried and fined. If we shoplift or steal, we will be taken to court and sentenced.

If, in breach of confidence, we reveal state secrets, then we are subject to the same processes and penalties as any other citizen.

We do, however, enjoy ancient privileges in relation to our rights to, in the chamber of the House of Commons, raise grievances, expose corruption and hold the executive (Government) to account without fear of prosecution for libel or arrest or imprisonment by the Crown or its agents.

Those rights, in a democracy, are sacrosanct and to deny them cuts to the very heart of a free democracy.

Let us be clear: Damian Green has not revealed state secrets and nor has he been shown to have acted in any way that has been in breach of national security or other than in the national interest. He has exposed, certainly, facts about immigration and related issues that the Home Office has sought to conceal from the public and in doing so he has embarrassed the Home Secretary, her department and the Prime Minister.

That is not a crime. It does not warrant the intrusion of a posse of anti-terrorist officers from the Metropolitan Police invading his home and his privacy. And it most certainly does not justify the searching – without even the fig leaf of a warrant – of a parliamentary office and the seizing of computer data, mobile phones and constituency casework.

While MPs are not above the law, then most certainly neither are the constabulary nor their political masters.

Much has been made, particularly by this Government's few remaining apologists in the press, of the "need for the police to conduct their inquiries without interference" and the fact that the Government "did not know" that a Member of Parliament was to be arrested and his home and office searched. MPs are, say the tame columnists, seeking to protect ourselves and our rights when we should be "concentrating on affairs of state".

'Parliamentary privilege', an overworked and ill-used term, is not the privilege of members of either House of Parliament but of the people we seek to represent. We are the custodians of that privilege and that is all. And there stands the elephant in the room.

Writing in the national press last week, Labour MP Dennis MacShane asserted that: "The MP is in the same place as a judge in his chambers, a doctor in his consulting room, the lawyer in his office and at times the priest in his confessional."

Would that it were so, but it is not. Contrary to a widespread and popular belief held by the public and many MPs, constituency correspondence has no protection and is not privileged at all. True, we do our level best to protect confidences and sources and I would, personally, face prison rather than reveal detail or substance confided in me, but, unlike the callings and professions to which Mr MacShane refers, we have no defence in law.

The time has most surely come to address this issue in the public interest. It will require primary legislation, but once the dust has settled and the beleaguered Speaker, Serjeant at Arms or some other functionaries have been sacrificed to save the skin of the Home Secretary, then parliamentary time – and there is plenty of room for manoeuvre in this flimsy Queen's Speech – must be found to introduce and pass the necessary bill.

Failure to do so will lead to wide and justified public unease at the thought that what a constituent says to their elected representatives may be seized by police or Government and used against them.

• ***Roger Gale is Conservative MP for North Thanet.***



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A miserable existence

TO JUDGE from his frequent letters, Phil Granger leads a life of hopelessness and depression and deserves our sympathy in his misery.

Unfortunately although he seems to decry everything and everybody and apparently "knows what is really going on in the world and who or what is running it" – unlike all we other poor deluded souls – he never offers any alternatives.

Perhaps he would like to enlighten us as to what system of government he would introduce which will lead us all to perfect happiness. I will challenge just one of several absurd allegations he made in his latest letter, directed at "politicians".

Does he suggest that any government in any democracy could or should enforce birth control and decree family size?

Or perhaps that's it, he really wants a dictatorship. But, of course, we all know there is no such thing as a dictatorship which is not corrupt.

Come off it, Mr Granger. Politicians are human, just like the rest of us.

All any of us can do is exercise our hard won right to vote for the candidates whose policies we most favour and question them when they fail to carry them out.

For all its imperfections, no one has ever come up with a better system.

E Egan, Harrietsham

Slaughterhouse Clive

AS I was a slaughterman and butcher for 25 years, I thought I would try to help Clive Wilkins-Oppler, as he seems to have a very vivid imagination, probably inspired by reading too many writings by the likes of Animal Aid and Peta.

Nonetheless, Mr Wilkins-Oppler, as I can use a bolt-gun properly, which seems to be your premise for being allowed to eat meat, I thank you. As you are a vegetarian, no doubt you grow all your own fruit and vegetables.

He again resorts to letting his imagination run riot when he writes 'This was once a sentient animal that suffered incarceration and execution before it underwent its brilliant family-friendly disguise in the factory'.

All animals are sentient beings, not just farm livestock. By incarceration, you presumably mean kept inside. Do you know what they are in the fields around Canterbury? They're cattle and sheep. You will also find them in national parks, the hills in northern England and the crofts in Scotland. Yes, some livestock is kept inside and is extremely well cared for. As for the word 'execution', I won't even bother to reply.

You wish to know why meat is displayed in joints. Well, think for yourself. This week my wife bought a pound of apples and a pound of pears. She did not buy an apple tree and a pear tree. Meat needs to be cut into joints because that's what the customer wants. Personally, I would love a return to the days when butchers displayed meat in carcass form. You then contradict yourself by mentioning days out in the country to watch gambolling calves and lambs, but in your previous paragraph you say they were incarcerated. Which is it?

You then wish to know what sort of person can do such a job. Well, I attended school until I was 16, for the first year of my working life, I worked in a laboratory taking effluent samples from water courses.

I went into the meat trade purely for the money, which enabled me to own my own property by the time I was 47.

I have helped raise thousands of pounds over the years for charity, I have only been in a police station once and that was to take part in a charity quiz.

I worked for 25 years in a legal trade, alongside people of equally good character – some were even regular churchgoers – they have not had any sadistic or cruel traits as your question implies.

A couple of websites for you to look up: www.hsa.org.uk is the humane slaughter association founded in 1928. It is a registered charity number 209563. Perhaps with your concerns you would like to donate.

Another site you can try is www.vpsg.org, the Vegan Prisoners Support Group.

It helps vegan and vegetarian prisoners who are serving sentences for animal rights crimes. If you think the meat trade is cruel, pick up the phone and call the police or the RSPCA. All they want is the address of the slaughterhouse, the person or persons involved and what you witnessed – which is where you might fail as they deal in facts, not vivid imaginations.

I can remember the meat trade in the 1960s-90s when the 'meat is murder' campaign was prevalent. In those days we had to endure arson, graffiti and vandalism. People were imprisoned because of their actions. The meat trade is perfectly legal.

JH Clark, Sittingbourne

Fare rise insult follows the Tories' privatisation injury

AS A north Kent commuter, I consider above-inflation rail fare rises most insulting at this difficult time.

Many politicians are weighing in to the debate, as usual, but I think we should all consider that Kent Conservatives have little to add unless they are willing to admit their mistakes and apologise for the last Tory government.

You may recall they sold off our railways and put in place private monopolies to run the trains. Being very much against public opinion, voters were informed that fears were misplaced and the power of competition would give us the best deal for our money. What competition is there now?

We are paying double for some fares. Ironically, this Conservative privatisation has also created a lack of accountability, meaning commuters are in a weaker position to influence the people at the top. This is unacceptable. I urge readers to make their voices heard by joining our rail action campaign made up of commuters, passenger groups and residents.

The aim is stopping the unfairness and hypocrisy by standing up to these outrageous price increases. If you feel the same and want to add your voice to the growing number of angry commuters please sign the petition at our website.

The Liberal Democrat action team will work hard all year round to campaign on behalf of residents and commuters.

James Willis, Gravesham and Dartford Lib Dems

Beaten to the punch

THE contents of your letters pages make interesting and entertaining reading.

Many times I have considered writing, only to find that your readers have beaten me to the punch.

Last week's edition was no exception with Anthony Hook, Lib Dem candidate for the European Parliament, reminding us of Tory

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YOUR LETTERS

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COOPER

Stuart Cooper and Lena Morgan are proud to announce the birth of their son Tommy-joe born on 25th November 2008 at home in Ashford, weighing 7lbs 8oz.

DALLMANN

JP, Stephney and Isabella Dallmann celebrate the birth of Sofia Elena on 9th November 2008.

HARRIS

Tyler Francis Harris born 21st November 2008 weighing 7lbs 11ozs. Son to Louise Gaskill and Leon Harris.

HOLDEN

James and Anita Holden celebrate the birth of their daughter Athenia Jessica Holden on 17th November 2008.

HUGHES

We want to let the world know that Aiden Hughes was born on the 10th November 2008. A precious boy.

JAMES

Rowan Peter born on 25th November 2008 at Maidstone Hospital, brother to Emily and Alastair. Son to proud parents Claire and Chris of Bearsted.

JONES

Cheyenne and Lewis of Margate are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Tallyn Samantha Theresa Julie, born on 20 November 2008 at QEQM, Sister to Bailey.

KNOTT

Ginki and Ryan celebrate the birth of their son Jayden James Knott on 27th November 2008.

PEARSON

Sarah and James of Dover celebrate the birth of their son Mika Lewis on 23rd November 2008.You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

WILLIAMS

Luke Williams and Laura Whitton celebrate the birth of their son Curtis Dylan Williams on 18th November 2008.

WILSON

Caitlin Louise Wilson born on 2nd November 2008. Daughter to Robert Wilson and Katie Walker in Dover.

YOUNG

Louise and Matthew Young celebrate the birth of their daughter Esme Moya Alice Young on the 23rd November 2008.

DEATHS

ABBOTT

Lilian Winifred Abbott of Whitstable passed away peacefully after a short illness on 29 November 2008. Loving wife of Jack and a much loved mum and gran who will be very sadly missed.The funeral is to be held on Wednesday December 10 at Barham at 12 noon.

CLARK

Erik Ronald John Clark (aged 62) of Herne Bay passed away peacefully at his home on 26 November 2008 after a long battle bravely fought , surrounded by his family and friends. Beloved husband of Margaret and a much loved dad and grand-dad who will be very sadly missed. The funeral is to be held at Barham on Tuesday 9 December at 2pm.

FARREN

Dorothy passed away on 24th November 2008. Funeral service at St Peters church Broadstairs, 10th December 2008 at 2 pm.Enquiries to Boys and Maughan Margate 01843 234000

FOOT

Nance Foot of Maidstone passed away peacefully after a long illness on the 30th November 2008, aged 95. Beyond the gate you will find happiness and rest, and there is comfort in the thought that you will remain close to us.

HARDWICK

Grace Hardwick (Adult Education Teacher) died peacefully on 20th November 2008. Private funeral

MATCHAM

Douglas Frank Matcham aged 68 years of Canterbury. Twentieth April 1940 to Twentysixth November 2008. Much loved husband, father and grand-dad who will be very sadly missed by all who knew him.

RUSSELL

Gillian Mary Elizabeth Russell of Whitstable passed away peacefully on 22 November 2008. Loving wife of William and a much loved mum and nan who will be very sadly missed. The funeral was held at Barham on 3 December 2008.

SMITH

Simon Smith a retired University Lecturer latterly of Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells passed away peacefully on 24th November 2008 aged 81. Sadly missed by his wife Rosamaria and his daughters Kathy and Janet and grandchildren.

STEVENS

Percy William Stevens known to many as Steve passed away in Maidstone Hospital on 24th November 2008. He will be sadly missed by many.

TURNER

Alan Wesley Samuel Turner of Gravesend passed away on 27th November 2008, aged 84. Husband of Mavis Elsie Turner and father to Barry and Michael, gone to be with his maker.

WHITE

Joan Cordelia White dearly beloved wife of John passed away peacefully on 27th November 2008. Previously a Secondary School Teacher in Maidstone and Medway. Funeral to be held at St. Francis Church on 11th December all enquiries to Pickard and Beale Brewer Street.

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policies that have done untold damage to the country for which we are paying dear.

However, I wonder what planet Mr Hook is on when he says it is time for a change. The present Government is Labour, not Conservative.

This is akin to Labour Swale borough councillor Adam Tollhurst writing on the Tories' decision not to implement the Government's two-year free swimming initiative for over-60s and under-16s, which would have allowed them free entry to the pools at the Swallows and Sheppey leisure centres, thus denying their constituents of another benefit.

Cllr Tollhurst, hasn't it occurred to you that this initiative is that of a Labour government? Sheppey council is only ensuring that the battle of the political titans continues.

Not only is it not prepared to co-operate with the Government here, but I think it is a ploy to damage the progress towards a successful Olympic Games in 2012.

Then we have three European parliamentarians voting for a reduction in the amount of alcohol/cigarettes that can be brought back from the rest of Europe.

Not acceptable, I imagine, to the rest of the UK population. So once again the views of the people and their benefits have been sacrificed on the altar of politics.

John Gamet, Keston

An instinct for sarcasm

I CONSIDER the letter from S Reszczynski a tad silly, even if it was tongue-in-cheek sarcasm aimed at Clive Wilkins-Oppler.

We as humans can reason – well, most of us. Wild animals can only live by instinct.

I prefer white meat and veg and wasn't surprised to learn that scientists are investigating a possible link between red meat and tumours.

James Mason, Sittingbourne

It's our moral choice

I DON'T believe S Reszczynski has quite grasped that it is perfectly natural for carnivores to eat meat. Carnivores have no alternative but to kill other animals for food otherwise they would die of starvation, unlike humans who slaughter creatures to dine upon simply because they can.

I used to eat meat until four years ago when my conscience finally got the better of me and I converted to vegetarianism. I know meat tastes delicious but that's no excuse to consume it if it means that sentient animals and birds suffer as a direct consequence.

As I pointed out in a previous letter, anybody that attempts to vindicate or sanitise the prolonged imprisonment is in total denial about the obscene reality of the situation.

It is easier to deceive oneself than to face the truth and to change one's habits to do what is morally and ethically correct.

Clive Wilkins-Oppler, Canterbury

No truck with strikers

I READ with interest your article regarding segregation of traffic during Operation Stack to try to reduce delays to motorists.

Segregation is needed, but not in the way you suggest. As Operation Stack is caused on virtually every occasion by industrial action of one kind or another by French workers, what should happen is that the police should stop every French lorry, pull it out and send it either to the back of the queue or to a designated holding area.

Then only when the queues have been dealt with and all the other traffic has been sent on its way, would the French lorries be allowed to proceed to the port. If this happened a few times, I think the French workers would soon settle their grievances. This is the type of segregation that would have some real effect.

R Scott, Ramsgate

Assertions are false

TREVOR Vince claims, wrongly, that Labour cannot be trusted to run the country. He bases his claims on a series of assertions, including:

• That immigration has spiralled out of control. The language is emotive and it is true that figures were high while the Conservatives' system was in place. Numbers have fallen radically in recent years.

• That crime has increased. Not so. Figures for crime have been falling, as indeed has the fear of crime.

• That public transport has got worse. Not so. New rolling stock has replaced the slam-door carriages in the South East. As a regular rail traveller, I can vouch for the improvements.

• That we won't have the best healthcare in the world. It takes a long time to rebuild the NHS after years of destruction under the Conservatives but we now have new hospitals and GP surgeries being planned and built across Britain.

Whatever Mr Vince may think of his tax bill, Labour has stuck to its promise not to increase income tax. Any future increases in income tax will be taken from those earning six and seven figure incomes.

Cllr Derek Smyth, Ashford South

KCC a pain in the arts

IN YOUR story on the Turner Contemporary gallery, KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter is reported as saying: "We have kept our promise to the people of Margate and the people of Kent that we would press ahead with building a major gallery."

In the same report, yet another completion date was announced and it moved back once more, this time to 2011.

I remember clearly Cllr Carter standing up at a public meeting in Margate Winter Gardens early in 2006 and stating: "The gallery will open in 2009 at a cost of £15 million and not a penny more."

The estimated cost is now over £17 million, and that doesn't include the further £1m used to tear up a perfectly good adjacent road. Through its own appalling mismanagement, the Conservative administration caused delays which have cost Kent taxpayers millions and the town I love five desperate years of inaction that it could ill afford. Some of that money may just be recoverable; the long and wasted period of time certainly is not.

I think the new design from David Chipperfield is excellent and my fingers are well and truly crossed for the Turner Contemporary to be a success.

But to Cllr Carter and his ruling group at KCC, I say: please try to get your act together this time and stop treating the people of Margate so cynically with self-congratulatory backslapping press statements which only fuel local anger towards your long and expensive list of failures to date.

Cllr Clive Hart, Margate & Cliftonville

Television's own goal

I FULLY endorse the sentiments expressed in your story Clubs sold short by TV.

In 1994 I started to take issue with Meridian on their decision to cover Charlton Athletic, to the detriment of Kent clubs.

In 1999 I even took the matter to the Independent Television Commission, but they felt it was beyond their remit to intervene. The excuses given by Meridian were unconvincing to say the least.

They even claimed to be responding to letters written by Charlton fans (is it that easy to get free publicity for your club?). I suspect I will never learn the real reasons.

I would argue that if Meridian choose to cover Charlton then they should also cover Millwall and Crystal Palace. And if they do that then they should drop all pretensions of claiming to represent the county.

Glenn Pearson is absolutely right when he writes of Kent's non-league football scene being a hidden jewel. I have visited all 92 top-flight football grounds, yet some of the most memorable matches I have ever seen were Kent non-league derbies.

It could be that with the credit crunch and the desire to reduce carbon footprints, Kent clubs will benefit from new fans reluctant to travel to London for increasingly expensive football. And it's possible Meridian will see it is in their interests to cover and promote Kent clubs such as the Fleet, the Stones, the Darts, the Gate, and the Hess Express at Dover.

Adrian Pope, Broadstairs

Keeping cool in shops

I WOULD like to wish all KOS Media readers a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. For many this is always an exciting time, but we know it can be frantic trying to get everything ready for the big day.

I want to gently remind readers to remember that shop workers are people as well. They will be working really hard to make your shopping experience as stress-free and enjoyable as possible.

A recent survey showed that every minute of the working day a shop worker is verbally abused, threatened with violence or physically attacked. Shop workers report that incidents are more frequent in the run-up to Christmas as shops are busy, customers can be stressed and are more likely to take out their frustration on staff. Talking to our members who work in retail, I know that verbal abuse cuts deep.

Many will go home upset about an unpleasant incident that took place work that day and worried that it will happen to them again. That is why Usdaw, the shop workers' union, is running a respect for shop workers campaign, asking customers to 'Keep Your Cool at Christmas'. It's a simple message, but remembering that shop workers are working extra hard at this time and treating them with respect will mean everyone can have a happier Christmas.

John Hannett, General secretary, USDAW

Getting behind Beefy

LAST month, the Marks & Spencer store in Tunbridge Wells supported Sir Ian Botham on a leg of his charity walk for Leukaemia Research by supplying him and his crew with food and clothing.

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Well done to all our staff and a big thank you to customers for supporting us.

Deena Barritt, store manager

Nuclear has no future

THERE is much to be welcomed in the new report from the committee on climate change about how to cut greenhouse gas emissions, bt it is wrong to suggest nuclear power has any role to play.

When environmental and hidden costs are factored in, nuclear power is one of the most expensive ways of generating electricity.

There are more than enough alternatives that are cheaper, quicker to build and altogether more attractive. It is possible to decarbonise the economy without using nuclear power.

Dr Gerry Wolff, Anglesey

Poverty of imagination

SEVERAL aid charities are once again making their Christmas pitch for donations to buy farm animals for some of the world's poorest communities.

At first sight, it's an uplifting idea, but the reality is that such animal gifts add to rather than diminish poverty. That's because animal farming is a wasteful way of deploying limited agricultural resources.

You can feed many more people by directing those resources to growing foods for people to eat directly rather than first passing nutrients through animals.

In areas where people are destitute and where there is no surplus wealth, it is more essential than ever to use such resources to best effect. Animal farming is also more environmentally destructive, as well as being a major source of climate-changing gases. Where impoverished people cannot afford to feed and care for their animals, those animals endure extreme suffering and die, an outcome that does nothing to relieve the poverty of their owners. Contact Animal Aid (or go to www.animalaid.org.uk) for a list of organisations that help animals, people and the environment.

Andrew Tyler, director, Animal Aid, Tonbridge

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Hospice and worker stars at trust awards

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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A CHILDREN'S hospice and a local authority worker have scooped accolades at a national employment charity's awards ceremony.

The Shaw Trust's annual Star awards honour people who work with the charity to achieve its aims of supporting thousands of people with disabilities, or who face disadvantages across the county, achieve their personal development and employment goals.

Jo Budd, 44, who works for Medway Council and lives in Rochester, has mentored many of the trust's clients to build confidence and skills as they work towards achieving employment.

Gary Darby, a training and placement officer for the charity, said of the mother-of-two: "Jo and her team do a fantastic job of looking after and training our clients, many of whom have not worked for long time and are extremely nervous."

Mrs Budd, who won in the 'workforce mentor' category, has been working for the council's learning and organisational department for two years and has co-ordinated 287 work placements in the last year.

"It is rewarding to see people blossom," she said. "One client, who has stayed with us ever since, was quaking with nerves on the first day, and now he gleams with confidence.

"Everyone was thrilled the first day he accepted a cup of coffee."

There were 42 individuals and organisations that were nominated for awards at the ceremony on November 20.

Demelza Hospice Care for Children, which is based near Sittingbourne, has welcomed 15 workers from the trust's Kent County Council-funded Faversham Rehab Project, which support people with mental illness.

Michael Foster, one of the charity's project officers, said: "They gain confidence and progress into work.

"One woman, who hasn't worked for 19 years, is about to start a new career in the police force."

Demelza Hospice won in the 'local employer' category. Robbie Allen, who leads the charity's warehouse team that handles all donations to Demelza's 13 shops, said working with the Shaw Trust had been rewarding.

The 41-year-old, who lives in Sittingbourne, said: "We all get a huge buzz out of this.

"There is still so much prejudice and negativity surrounding mental ill health and that annoys us, especially as three in ten of us will suffer from it in our working lifetime."

"Yet some people really can't, or won't, see the skills these people can bring to the workplace and what they can contribute."

Demelza and Mrs Budd were presented with their awards by the actor and adventurer Brian Blessed.



DELIGHTED: Hilaire Graham is the new dean of learning and teaching at UCA

Architect ready to build on role at five campuses

AUSTRALIAN architect Hilaire Graham has been appointed dean for learning and teaching at the University for the Creative Arts.

She will be responsible for the development of all five of UCA's campuses, including at Canterbury, Maidstone and Rochester.

Mrs Graham said: "I'm delighted to be taking up this role, which illustrates the emphasis the university is putting on teaching and learning.

"I hope through my work to further embed the culture of personal development and ensure best practice is shared across all subject disciplines and campuses."

Young scientists' MS research day

GRAMMAR school pupils teamed up with scientists at the University of Kent to carry out research into the causes of multiple sclerosis.

Sixth-formers at Canterbury's Simon Langton school spent a day in a laboratory to learn some of the basic skills required when studying diseases.

The collaboration was made possible by a £30,000 grant from biomedical charity The Wellcome Trust, and the youngsters will pass on what they learned to other schools.

Prof Mick Tuite, director of research at the university's biosciences department, said: "This represents a unique opportunity for our researchers to pass on their knowledge and enthusiasm to the next generation of young scientists."



AWARDS: (l to r) Matt Hall, general manager of sponsors Fitchett and Woollacott, Tony Barber (Michael's father), Jeremy Vibert, head of marketing and information at Trada (Timber Research and Development Association), Michael Barber and Paddy McLoughlin, Fitchett & Woollacott sales executive

Pupil set for Wii bit of fun with prize for woodwork

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Michael Barber, who attends Sackville School in Tonbridge, beat more than 300 entries that were judged at the Design and Technology in Education exhibition, at the NEC in Birmingham.

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37 hrs per week, salary starting £18,963 per annum

Supply Trainer Demonstrators - Electronic & Engineering **S/TD/EE**
Various hours available, salary starting £18,963 pro rata per annum

Trainer Demonstrator - Mechanical or Electronic Engineering **TD1**
18.5 hrs per week, salary starting £18,963 pro rata per annum

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37 hrs per week, salary starting £18,963 per annum

Trainer Demonstrator - Wood Occupations **04/148**
37 hrs per week, salary starting £18,963 per annum

Labourer - Wood Work Shop **RA4**
37 hrs per week, salary starting £15,085 per annum

Curriculum Support Assistant - Engineering & Construction **08/148**
37 hrs per week, 40 weeks term time, salary starting £18,963 pro rata per annum

Curriculum Support Assistant - Health, Public Services and Care **08/131**
2 x 18.5 or 1 x 37 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting £18,963 pro rata per annum

Learning Resources Assistant **LRCA1**
37 hrs per week, salary starting £15,085 per annum

Pre 16 Learning Support **07/67**
37 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting £16,914 pro rata per annum
Fixed term for one year.

Pre 16 Learning Support **08/159**
37 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting £16,914 pro rata per annum
Fixed term ending 31 August 2010

Database and Reporting Team Administrator **DBRA2**
37 hrs per week, salary starting £18,963 per annum

Supply Curriculum Support Assistant - Health, Public Services and Care **S/CSA**
Various hours available , salary starting £18,375 pro rata per annum

Online Exams Assistant **08/158**
18.5 hrs per week, salary starting £15,085 pro rata per annum.
Fixed term post for one year

Supply Maintenance Carpenter **S/MC**
37 hrs per week Salary starting £16,914 per annum (temporary fixed term contract)

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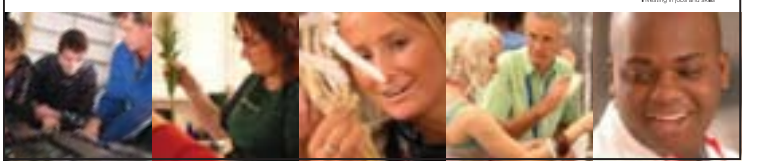
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New start for 2009

The Royal School of Military Engineering

Engineering Opportunities: £35,000 - £40,000 (Snr Post c£45k)

Mid Kent College (MKC) is delighted to partner the Royal School of Military Engineering (RSME) at Brompton Barracks, Chatham.

We provide the trades and technical training for over 8500 Royal Engineers each year and are recruiting a number of key posts to strengthen the teams already in place at the RSME as the 30 year contract transitions to the Colleges management team.

We have opportunities for experienced engineers (ideally degree qualified) to move into lecturing roles. The Professional Engineering Wing (PEW) of the RSME develops military personnel into Clerk of Works to IEng, foundation degree and HND level.

We have positions for:

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You will work within an established team, in a professional environment at a time when the RSME moves into an exciting phase of its development and will be fully supported to gain additional relevant qualifications, memberships and accreditations that develop you as an engineer and benefit the PEW faculty.

For an application form and job description please: Visit our website www.midkent.ac.uk
Email: rsme.recruitment@midkent.ac.uk
Telephone 01634 884555 (24 hr answer machine)

For an informal discussion on these positions, please call: **Ken Pullan on 07725128661**

Closing Date 31st January 2009

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MKC Training Services Limited



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- Extensive Training Programs
- Long service awards
- In-house discounts & external benefits

SELECTION OF CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

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Job Title: Project Team Co-Ordinator
Salary: £17,316 - £20,818 pa
Band: 4
Hours: 37.5
Location: Trinity House, Ashford
Ref: 767-ECC687
Closing date: 15/12/08

Job Title: Clerical Assistant
Salary: £12,922 - £15,950 pa
Band: 2
Hours: 37.5
Location: Whitstable
Ref: 767-EIC649
Closing date: 18/12/08

NURSING AND MIDWIFERY REGISTERED

Job Title: Community Staff Nurse
Salary: £20,225 - £26,123 pa
Band: 5
Hours: 20
Location: Sevington, Ashford
Ref: 767-ASH243
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Job Title: Lead Nurse, Infection Prevention and Control
Salary: £37,106 - £44,527 pa
Band: 8a
Hours: 37.5
Location: Whitstable
Ref: 767-EIC652
Closing date: 17/12/08

Job Title: Bladder and Bowel Specialist Nurse
Salary: £29,091 - £38,352 pa
Band: 7
Hours: 37.5
Location: Tankerton
Ref: 767-EIC668
Closing date: 18/12/08

Job Title: Inflammatory Bowel Disease Specialist Nurse X 3
Salary: £29,091 - £38,352 pa
Band: 7
Hours: 37.5
Location: Whitstable
Ref: 767-EIC669
Closing date: 18/12/08

Job Title: Specialist Respiratory Nurse
Salary: £29,091 - £38,352 pa
Band: 7
Hours: 37.5
Location: Dover
Ref: 767-EIC667
Closing date: 18/12/08

Job Title: Intermediate Care Support Nurse
Salary: £24,103 - £32,653 pa
Band: 6
Hours: 37.5
Location: Canterbury/Herne Bay/Swale
Ref: 767-EIC650
Closing date: 18/12/08

Job Title: Specialist Epilepsy Nurse
Salary: £29,091 - £38,352 pa
Band: 7
Hours: 37.5
Location: Tankerton
Ref: 767-EIC672
Closing date: 18/12/08

Job Title: Respiratory Nurse
Salary: £24,103 - £32,653 pr pa
Band: 6
Hours: 20
Location: Dover Health Centre
Ref: 767-EIC666
Closing date: 18/12/08

ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Job Title: Speech & Language Therapist (Schools Team & Early Years)
Salary: £20,225 - £26,123 pa
Band: 5
Hours: 37.5
Location: Whitstable, Kent
Ref: 767-ECC639
Closing date: 16/12/08

Job Title: Speech & Language Therapist (Language Unit & Early Years)
Salary: £20,225 - £26,123 pa
Band: 5
Hours: 37.5
Location: Laleham Gap School & Canterbury Health Centre, Margate
Ref: 767-ECC638
Closing date: 16/12/08

Job Title: Specialist Speech & Language Therapist (Thanet Schools Team)
Salary: £24,103 - £32,653 pa
Band: 6
Hours: 37.5
Location: Margate, Kent
Ref: 767-ECC635
Closing date: 16/12/08

Job Title: Specialist Speech & Language Therapist (Schools Team)
Salary: £24,103 - £32,653 pa
Band: 6
Hours: 37.5
Location: Margate, Kent
Ref: 767-ECC634
Closing date: 16/12/08

ADDITIONAL CLINICAL SERVICES

Job Title: Healthcare Assistant
Salary: £12,922 - £15,950 pa
Band: 2
Hours: 20
Location: Sevington, Ashford
Ref: 767-ASH244
Closing date: 15/12/08

Job Title: Head of Infection Prevention & Control
Salary: £43,221 - £53,432 pa
Band: 8b
Hours: 37.5
Location: Whitstable
Ref: 767-EIC653
Closing date: 17/12/08

Job Title: Head of Bladder and Bowel Specialist Team
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Band: 8a
Hours: 37.5
Location: Tankerton
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Ref: P0660

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Skills for Life Administrator

Ref: P0474

Salary: £15,057 - £18,534

The successful candidate will be required to work at our sites in Maidstone and Chatham and will have exceptional knowledge and experience and of administration and office procedures and be able to demonstrate excellent organisational and IT skills.

Closing date: Friday, 12 December 2008

Mid-Kent College is working in partnership with RBLI Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBLI, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBLI on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website www.rbli.co.uk for information, advice and guidance.
The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and anyone applying for work with the College is expected to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 884402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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Year 8/9

Key roles will include supporting students in completing study work, classroom support and as a Learning Mentor, meeting with students on a regular basis to confirm their progress and achievement, and to provide individual support as appropriate.

Science

Key roles to help support our exciting range of Science courses across KS3/4, supporting whole classes and individual students during practical and theoretical lessons and as a Learning Mentor. Experience of working within a school would be advantageous but an interest in Science is essential.

6th Form

Key roles will include supporting students in Years 11-14 in completing study work, classroom support and as a Learning Mentor, meeting with students on a regular basis to confirm their progress and achievement, and to provide individual support as appropriate.

We are looking for people who can take initiative and work both independently and as part of a team. All applications are welcome. Salary equivalent pt 8-12 on Kent Scheme. 14K pro rata for 40 hours a week term time only. The successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced CRB check.

Please send a copy of your CV and covering letter to our HR Department at Jenniferspooner@marloweacademy.co.uk or our address as above
Enquiries or visits to the Academy are welcome.
Please contact Jennifer Spooner on
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Email
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Child Care

Cook

Ashford
Salary: TBA
Due to the opening of our new nursery on the Eureka Business Park, Ashford we have the above vacancy. Pleas either apply in writing to Miss Campbell, Unit 4D Cygnet Drive, Swan Valley Office village, Swan Valley, Northampton, NN4 9BA or online at www.qdaynurseries.co.uk
To apply/more information:
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Q Day Nursery
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Deputy Manager

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Closing Date: Thursday 11 December 2008
We are looking for candidates who are emotionally literate, committed to inclusion and willing to learn, to be part of the above team. Key roles will include supporting students in Years 11-14 in completing study work, classroom support and as a Learning Mentor, meeting with students on a regular basis to confirm their progress and achievement, and to provide individual support as appropriate. We are looking for people who can take initiative and work both independently and as part of a team. All applications are welcome. Salary equivalent pt 8-12 on Kent Scheme. £14k pro rata for 40 hours a week term time only. The successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced CRB check. Please send a copy of your CV and covering letter to our HR Department at the email below or to our address: The Marlowe Academy, Stirling Way, Ramsgate, Kent, CT12 6NB Enquiries or visits to the Academy are welcome. Please contact Jennifer Spooner on direct telephone no: 01843 598550. We look forward to hearing from you.
To apply/more information:
Jennifer Spooner
Marlowe Academy
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01843 598550
Email jenniferspooner@
marloweacademy.co.uk

Key roles with Year 8/9

Ramsgate
Salary: £14,000 pro rata
Closing Date: Thursday 11 December 2008
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Lead Teacher and Head of F E Department

Meopham
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: Midday Monday 15 December 2008
Helen Allison School Longfield, Road, Meopham, Kent DA13 0EW LS3 – 11 Required January 09 or asap Helen Allison School is an independent school that provides specialist education and care for 70 children and young people with an autistic spectrum disorder aged 15-19 years. We have a residential provision that caters for 29 students on a 38 week basis. We are looking for a qualified teacher with experience of teaching children with autism and Asperger syndrome. You will have responsibility for the management and curriculum of our current off-site Further Education Department. A new Further Education premises is in the process of being planned and you will be involved with this exciting development. In addition you will promote best practice through monitoring the teaching, learning and assessment throughout the school. This is an excellent opportunity if you are keen to meet new challenges as part of our senior leadership team. In return for your commitment, we will give you all the support and encouragement you need to develop. You will also benefit from a significant training and resource budget. For further information, visits or an informal discussion please contact Rosie Williams, Deputy Principal Education on 01474 814878 or email helenallison@nas.org.uk Applications are sought from all suitably qualified sections of the community but particularly welcome from those with a diagnosis of autism or Asperger syndrome. Please note: this post requires us to ask about the successful applicant's criminal record/s and proceed with an Enhanced Disclosure application. You will also be required to complete a Health Management Pre-Employment Health Questionnaire.
To apply/more information:
Rosie Williams
Helen Allison School
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01474 814878
Email
helenallison@nas.org.uk

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Lecturer Fabrication and Welding

Canterbury
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Closing Date: Monday 22 December at 12 Noon
18.5 hours per week
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To apply/more information:
Canterbury College
Quoting Job Ref: 01/103
Tel: 01227 811282
Email applications@
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Lecturer HE Building Surveying

Canterbury
Salary: £18,387 - £26,363 pro rata pa
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9.25 hours per week
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To apply/more information:
Canterbury College
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Lecturer Key Skills - Automotive Engineering

Canterbury
Salary: £18,387 - £26,363 pa
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37 hours per week
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Lecturer Key Skills - Building Services

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Tel: 01227 811282
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Lecturer Mechanical Engineering

Canterbury
Salary: £18,387 - £26,363 pro rata pa
Closing Date: Monday 22 December at 12 Noon
18.5 hours per week
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Canterbury College
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Tel: 01227 811282
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Pastrol Support Assistant

Rochester
Salary: £14,782 - £18,799 pro rata
Closing Date: Friday, 12th December 2008
A Specialist Voluntary Controlled School in Mathematics, Computing and Humanities An 11-18 Boys' Grammar School of 1180 students including 300 in the co-educational Sixth Form We require a full time Pastrol Support Assistant who would be prepared to act as a Cover Supervisor for 37 hours per week, term time only to start in January 2009. Salary will be according to age and experience and will be paid at Medway Grade D2 - salary range £14,782 - £18,799 pro rata. The school is expanding its team of support staff in order to enhance our pastrol structure and allow teachers to be at the forefront of learning. Do you relate well to young people? Could you support students at times when they meet barriers to their learning? Would you be able to liaise with parents, teachers and our professionals in support of individuals? Would you be interested in developing skills with classes of young people? If so, please contact Mrs J Harrison for an application form and job specification on 01634 844008 Any offer of employment will be subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check.
To apply/more information:
Mrs J Harrison
Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School
Quoting Job Ref: KOS
Tel: 01634 844008
Email office@sirjosephwilliamson.medway.sch.uk

Project Co-ordinator - College Redvelopment

Canterbury
Salary: £18,963 pa
Closing Date: Monday 22 December at 12 Noon
37 hours per week
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Canterbury College
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Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

School Secretary

Ashford
Salary: Kent Pay Scheme Band 5
Full time school secretary required for January 2009, Kent Pay Scheme Band 5 40 weeks a year 8.30 - 4.00pm. For details please contact Miss Baxter, Sellindge Primary School, Main Road, Sellindge, Kent TN25 6JY.
To apply/more information:
Miss Baxter
Sellinge Primary School
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01303 812073
Email headteacher@sellindge-ashford.kent.sch.uk

Supply Student Mentors

Canterbury
Salary: £16,914 pro rata
Closing Date: Monday 22 December at 12 Noon
Various hours available
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Supply Trainer Demonstrators - Electronic and Engineering

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TEACHER OF HISTORY

Dover
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: 19th December 2008
Required for January 2009
Able to teach up to GCSE History as part of a Team involved with PBL in Humanities at KS3 Apply in writing, enclosing a C.V. to Mr C. J. Atkin (Headteacher) Old Charlton Road, Dover, Kent CT16 2QB Tel: 01304 201551 Fax: 01304 202226 An enhanced CRB disclosure check will be required.
To apply/more information:
Mr C. J. Atkin
St Edmund's Catholic School
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01304 201551
Email office@st-edmunds-dover.kent.sch.uk

Technology Technician

Thanet
Salary: Hourly rate £7.23 - £8.20
Closing Date: Wednesday 10th December 2008
30 hours per week, Term Time only (38 weeks per year) Kent Scheme Payscale 3, Points 7-11 (Hourly rate £7.23 - £8.20) We are looking for a highly motivated and enthusiastic Technician to support the teaching of Resistant Materials, Textiles, and Food Technology. Our ideal candidate will be someone who can be flexible and adaptable in their approach to work, is able to use their own initiative and who enjoys working with young people as part of a team. No previous experience is necessary as full training will be given. Duties are varied and include: • Supporting students' learning in the classroom • Collation and preparation of subject materials • Preparation of classroom displays • Maintenance of well equipped practical classrooms The successful candidate will be required to undertake a CRB Enhanced Disclosure check prior to the start of employment. Please apply in writing for an application pack at the above address to Mrs Bridget Harvey, Head of Technology Ursuline College 225 Canterbury Road Westgate-on-Sea Kent CT8 8LX Phone 01843 834431 or via email to: recruitment@ursuline.org.uk Ursuline College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff/volunteers to share this commitment.
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Bridget Harvey
Ursuline College
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01843 834431
Email recruitment@ursuline.org.uk

Trainer Demonstrator - Automotive Engineering

Canterbury
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37 hours per week
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Canterbury College
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Engineering, Manufacturing, Utilities

Civil Engineer

Medway
Salary: £45,000 pa
Closing Date: 31st January 2009
Mid Kent College (MKC) is delighted to partner the Royal School of Military Engineering (RSME) at Brompton Barracks, Chatham. We provide the trades and technical training for over 8500 Royal Engineers each year and are recruiting a number of key posts to stengthen the teams already in place at the RSME as the 30 year contact transitions to the Colleges management team. We have opportunities for experienced engineers (ideally degree qualified) to move into lecturing roles. The Professional Engineering Wing (PEW) of the RSME develops military personnel into Clerk of Works to IEng, foundation degree and HND level. We have position for a Civil Engineer (snr post) ICE with "contractor" background. You will work within an established team, in a professional environment at a time when the RSME moves into an exciting phase of its development and will be fully supported to gain additional relevant qualifications, memberships and accreditations that develop you as an engineer and benefit the PEW faculty. For an application form and job description, please visit our website www.midkent.ac.uk or email and telephone us. For an informal discussion on these positions please call Ken Pullan on 07752 128661.
To apply/more information:
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Tel: 01634 884555
Email rsme.recruitment@midkent.ac.uk

Construction Engineers

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Salary: £35,000 - £40,000 pa
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Electrical Engineers

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ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN

Maidstone
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Alpha Electronics (Southern) Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
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Mechanical Engineers

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Sue Barlow
GSE Group
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01233 501301
Email sue.barlow@gse-group.com

Project Planner

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Information Tech, Internet, Telecoms

ICT NETWORK MANAGER

Dover
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Management, Senior Positions

Funding and Business Manager

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Kent Youth
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01634 281841
Email graham@kentyouth.org

Head of Sales and Marketing

Broadstairs
Salary: £35,805 - £41,372
Closing Date: Friday 12th December 2008
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Area Fundraising Manager - Mid Kent

Sittingbourne
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Closing Date: 9th December, 2008
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Public Sector, Social Services

Construction Materials Technicians

Chatham
Salary: £28,219 - £30,312
Closing Date: 15th December 2008
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To apply/more information:
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Land Surveyors

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Painter/Decorator and/or Plasterer

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Transport, Logistics, Aviation

Multi Drop Van Drivers

Aylesford
Salary: £7.00/hr
Closing Date: 24th December 2008
Our client in Aylesford is looking for temporary Multi Drop Van Drivers to cover their extra workload in December. Undertaking 60 - 100 drops per day, applicants must have previous multi drop experience and be able to provide commercial references to validate this. Work will take place in either DA or TN postcoded areas, therefore good local knowledge coupled with either Sat Nav or maps is essential. For insurance purposes, applicants must be 21 or over and have no more than 6 points for minor endorsements (no DRs or DDs) Hours of work are Monday to Friday, 0700 starts til finish.
To apply/more information:
Alex Harpur
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Van Sales Representatives

Rainham
Salary: £15,500 plus commission
Our client, a leading provider of fast moving food items to the convenience store sector, has 2 vacancies for Van Sales Reps out of their Rainham Depot in ESSEX. The role will involve servicing an existing client base and replenishing stock as requested. There will also be an expectation to gain extra sales where possible, and this will be rewarded through a generous commission structure. The company operates a 5 week Rota pattern - working Monday to Saturday the first 4 weeks and taking the 5th week off. In addition, the company offers an extra 2 weeks holiday, uniform and a pension scheme is available. The base salary is £15,500 with an uncapped earnings potential. Previous commercial driving experience is preferred, as is a sales or customer service background. For insurance purposes, applicants must be 21 or over and have no more than 6 points for minor endorsements. Interviews set to take place within the next week.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

The Insolvency Act 1986
MAIL IT DIRECT LIMITED
Company Number: 6290163
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 11.00 am on 10 December 2008 at KSA, 141 Parrock Street, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 1EY for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at 141 Parrock Street, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 1EY on 8 and 9 December 2008, the two business days before the date of the meeting.
Dated: 1 December 2008.
By Order of the Board
P Barford, Director

C G F INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
Company Number 04115112
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Nexus House, 2 Cray Road, Sidcup, Kent DA14 5DB, on 7 January 2009, at 10.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act, that is the nomination of a Liquidator and the appointment of a Liquidation Committee. Proxy forms to be used for the purposes of the above Meeting must be lodged, accompanied by statements of claim, at the registered office of the Company situated at Nexus House, 2 Cray Road, Sidcup, Kent DA14 5DB, not later than 12.00 noon on the business day prior to the date of the Meeting.
Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Nedim Ailyan and Andrew Tate, of Abbott Fielding, Nexus House, 2 Cray Road, Sidcup, Kent DA14 5DB, are qualified to act as Insolvency Practitioners in relation to the above Company, and will furnish Creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
Dated: 26 November 2008
By Order of the Board
Clive Underhill, Chairman

The Insolvency Act 1986
SB BUSINESS CONSULTANCY LIMITED
(Company Number 05343819)
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Acre House, 11-15 William Road, London NW1 3ER, on 16 December 2008, at 11.00 am for the purposes provided for in Sections 99 and 101 of the Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Fisher Partners, Acre House, 11-15 William Road, London NW1 3ER, on 12th December 2008 and 15th December 2008 between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm.
Dated: 26 November 2008
Louis Street, Director

The Insolvency Act 1986
KENT PRINT FINISHERS LIMITED
T/a Kent Laminators & Finishers
(In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we, RICHARD FRANK SIMMS and MARTIN RICHARD BUTTRISS of F A Simms & Partners Limited, Insol House, 39 Station Road, Lutterworth, Leicestershire, LE17 4AP were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above Company on 19 November 2008.
NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named Company are required on or before the 9 January 2009 to send their names and addresses, particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitor (if any) to: MARTIN RICHARD BUTTRISS of F A Simms & Partners Limited, Insol House, 39 Station Road, Lutterworth, Leicestershire LE17 4AP the Joint Liquidator of the said Company and if so required by notice in writing from the said Joint Liquidator, are personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notices, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated: 19 November 2008
R F SIMMS and M R Buttriss, Joint Liquidators

MAINSTREAM PRODUCTS LIMITED
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 3.00 pm on 10th December 2008 at KSA, 141 Parrock Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1EY for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at 141 Parrock Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1EY on 8th and 9th December 2008, the two business days before the date of the meeting.
Dated this 1st December 2008
By Order of the Board
James Housego, Director

The Insolvency Act 1986
CHI BUILDING SERVICES LIMITED
Company Number 04385504
Notice is hereby given, in pursuance of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Gerald Edelman Business Recovery, Gateway House, Highpoint Business Village, Henwood, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8DH, on Wednesday 17 December 2008, at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act, to receive a statement of the Company's affairs, to nominate one or more Insolvency Practitioner/s as Liquidator/s, and to consider the appointment of a Liquidation Committee. If a Liquidation Committee is not formed, the Meeting may be asked to consider other Resolutions, including the basis upon which the Liquidator/s is/are to be remunerated, and for the approval of the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the Meetings. Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge a form of Proxy, together, with a full statement of account, at the Registered Office of the Company, c/o Gerald Edelman Business Recovery, Gateway House, Highpoint Business Village, Henwood, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8DH, not later than 12.00 noon Tuesday 16th December 2008. For the purposes of voting, a Secured Creditor is required, unless he surrenders his security, to lodge at the Registered Office of the Company as above, before the meeting, a statement giving full particulars of his security, the date when it was given, and the value at which it is assessed.
Notice is further given that a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge at, Gateway House, Highpoint Business Village, Henwood, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8DH between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.
Dated 28 November 2008
By Order of the Board
N Cannon, Director

D & S KILBURN LIMITED
(Company Number 04130619)
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Victory House, Admiralty Place, Chatham Maritime, Kent, ME4 4QU, on 18 December 2008, at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
Resolutions to be taken at the Meeting may include a Resolution specifying the terms on which the Liquidator is to be remunerated, and the Meeting may receive information about, or be called upon to approve, the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the Meeting.
Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a full statement of account at Victory House, Admiralty Place, Chatham Maritime, Kent, ME4 4QU, not later than 12.00 noon on the business day preceding the meeting.
For the purposes of voting, a secured creditor is required (unless he surrenders his security) to lodge a statement at Victory House, Admiralty Place, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4QU before the meeting, giving particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.
Notice is further given that a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at Victory House, Admiralty Place, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4QU between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.
Dated: 25th November 2008
David M Kilburn, Director

SOUTH EAST TILES LIMITED
Company Number 05682067
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of MBI Coakley Ltd, Second Floor, Tunsgate Square, 98-110 High Street, Guildford, Surrey on 15 December 2008 at 11.15 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
In accordance with Section 98(2) (b) a list of names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, at the offices of MBI Coakley Ltd, on the two business days preceding the date of the Meeting, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm.
Dated: 24 November 2008
Spencer Cotton, Director

EXTREME HOLIDAYS LIMITED
Company Number 04246939
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Judd House, 16 East Street, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1HG, on Friday 19 December 2008, at 10.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Forms of proxy to be used at the Meeting, accompanied by a statement of claim, must be lodged at the offices of Vantis Business Recovery Services, Judd House, 16 East Street, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1HG, the registered office of the Company, not later than 12.00 noon on Thursday 18 December 2008.
Mark Newman of Vantis Business Recovery Services, Judd House, 16 East Street, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1HG, is a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the Company, who, during the period before the day on which the meeting is to be held, will furnish Creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
Dated: 1 December 2008
By Order of the Board
Chris Pedder, Director

The Insolvency Act 986
CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATING LIMITED
Company Number 03493950
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors of the above company will be held at Kent House, Romney Place, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6LH, on 12 December 2008, at 11.30 am for the purpose of having a full statement of the position of the company's affairs, together with a list of creditors of the company and the estimated amount of their claims, laid before them, and for the purpose, if thought fit, of nominating a liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee pursuant to Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The resolutions to be taken at the meeting may include a resolution specifying the terms on which the liquidator is to be remunerated in terms of fees and disbursements (including those as categorised in the Statement of Insolvency Practice 9, Category 2) and a Resolution conferring upon the duly appointed Liquidator the powers contained in Schedule 4 Part 1 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The meeting may receive information about, and be called upon to approve, the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the meeting. Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be examined free of charge at the offices Atherton Bailey, Kent House, Romney Place, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6LH, between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days prior to the day of the meeting. To be entitled to vote creditors must lodge a full statement of account and unless claiming personally they must also submit a form of proxy which, if intended to be used, must be duly completed and lodged at the registered office of the company, Kent House, Romney Place, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6LH not later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the meeting. Unless they surrender their security Secured creditors, if they wish to vote at the meeting, must also lodge full details of their security and its assessed value.
Dated 28 November 2008
By Order of the Board
Howard Martin Law, Director

The Insolvency Act 1986
CAPITAL CARE IAN MYNOTT LTD
Company Number 05380550
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Bridgewood Manor Hotel, Bridgewood Roundabout, Walderslade Woods, Chatham, Kent, ME5 9AX, on 17 December 2008, at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 98 et seq. Notice is also given that, for the purpose of voting, secured Creditors must unless they surrender their security) lodge at the registered office of the Company at 2-3 Pavilion Buildings, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 1EE, before the Meeting, a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed. Proxies to be used at the Meeting must be lodged at the registered office of the Company, not later than 12.00 noon on 16 December 2008 together with an up to date statement of account to enable Creditors to vote. The Resolutions to be taken at the Meeting may include a Resolution specifying the basis upon which the Liquidator is to be remunerated and the Meeting may receive information about, or be called upon to approve, the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the Meeting. A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Begbies Traynor, 2/3 Pavilion Buildings, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 1EE, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days proceeding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated 3 December 2008
I R Mynott, Director

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Highways - District of Ashford

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (EAST STREET, ASHFORD) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of a housing development, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on East Street, Ashford from the boundary of 20 East Street, on 8 December 2008 for an estimated period of 64 weeks or until such works are complete.

There is no alternative route for vehicles or pedestrians.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (HIGH HALDEN LANE, HIGH HALDEN) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of the installation of a new water mains, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on High Halden Lane, High Halden between the junctions of Biddenden Road and High Halden Road on or after 15 December 2008 for an estimated period of eight days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via A262 Biddenden Road, A28 Ashford Road, Shawlands Lane and Thurstons Lane.

Highways - District of Dover

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (SLIP LANE, ALKHAM) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because new gas supply works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Slip Lane, Alkham from its junction with Warren Lane to its junction with Alkham Valley Road, outside Apple Tree Cottage to outside Rectory Cottage on or after 8 December 2008 for an estimated period of 5 days or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Wolverton Hill, Ferne Lane and Warren Lane.

Highways - Borough Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, BREDHURST) (20MPH SPEED LIMIT ZONE) ORDER 2008 (THE STREET, BREDHURST) (ZEBRA CROSSING) ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (PROVISION OF TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES) THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 as amended by THE TRANSPORT ACT 1981 and THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council is proposing to make an Order under Section 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will impose a 20 mph speed limit on parts of Dunn Street Road, Forge Lane, The Street and for the whole length of their subsequent side turnings except for Kemsley Street Road in Bredhurst Village, Maidstone which will remain a 30mph speed limit.

and under section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 and all other enabling powers, intends to install a zebra crossing on The Street, Bredhurst 35.0 metres south west of the mid point of its junction with Hurstwood Road, Bredhurst.

and under Section 90A to Section 90"I" of the Highways Act 1980 as amended by Section 32 and Schedule 10 of the Transport Act 1991 and by paragraph 12 of Schedule 4 of the Road Traffic Act 1991 and all other enabling powers, proposes to provide the traffic calming measures at the locations as described in Schedules 1 to 4 hereto:

A copy of the proposed Order, an explanatory statement and a map showing the details of the scheme can be inspected during normal working hours at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone Kent, ME14 1XQ and at Maidstone Borough Council Offices, King Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6JQ

Anyone wishing to support or object to this proposal may do so in writing quoting the name of the Order and Reference No. "B1036400" to Diane Bourne, Jacobs Engineering UK Ltd, Miller House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6GB, stating their reasons by no later than Monday 29th December 2008.

Schedule 1

(Reduction in Carriageway Width)

Dunn Street Road, Bredhurst

Site 10: on the south eastern side at the common boundary of the properties commonly known as "Brandenburg" and "Meynell" reduced to 3.5 metres wide, south westwards for a distance of 16.5 metres.

Site 11: on the north western side at the common boundary of the properties commonly known as "Englesfield" and "Orchard house" reduced to 4.0 metres wide, south westwards for a distance of 16.0 metres.

Site 19: on the south eastern side 61.0 metres south west of the south western boundary of the property commonly known as "Mill House" reduced to 3.5 metres south westwards, for a distance of 16.0 metres.

Site 20: on the north western side 8.0 metres north east of the common boundary of the properties commonly known as "New Cottage" and "The Birches" reduced 3.8 metres north eastwards, for a distance of 35.0 metres.

Site 22: on the north western side 42.0 metres south west of the south western boundary of the property commonly known as "Bennetts Cottages", reduced to 3.5 metres south westwards, for a distance of 16.0 metres.

The Street, Bredhurst:

Site 1: on the south eastern side 46.0 metres north east of the mid point of its junction with Kemsley Street Road, north eastwards for a distance of 12.0 metres.

Schedule 2

Double Speed Cushions

(75mm in height, 1.6 metres wide and 3.5 metres long, including approach ramps)

Dunn Street Road, Bredhurst:

Site 9: 15.0 metres south west of the mid point of its junction with Forge Lane.

Site 12: 8.0 metres south west of the common boundary between the properties commonly known as "Kingsmead" and Whitley Cottage".

Site 13: 35.0 metres south west of the south western boundary of the property commonly known as Whitley Cottage".

Site 14: 60.0 metres south west of the south western boundary of the property commonly known as "Peacehaven".

Site 16: 93.0 metres north east of the north eastern boundary of the property commonly known as "Mill House".

Site 17: 34.0 metres north east of the north eastern boundary of the property commonly known as "Mill House".

Site 18: 2.0 metres south west of the south western boundary of the property commonly known as "Mill House".

Site 21: 11.0 metres north east of the north eastern boundary of the property commonly known as "Bennetts Cottages".

The Street, Bredhurst:

Site 2: 20.0 metres south west of the mid point of its junction with Kemsley Street Road.

Site 3: 2.0 metres south west of the common boundary between the properties commonly known as "Silver Birches" and "Bridfel".

Site 4: 2.5 metres north east of the common boundary between numbers 1 and 2 The Street.

Site 6: 2.5 metres north east of the common boundary between the properties commonly known as "Avalon" and "Bredhurst Lodge".

Site 7: 10.0 metres south west of the common boundary between the properties commonly known as "Hurst House" and "Bredhurst C of E Primary School".

Site 8: 27.0 metres north east of the mid point of its junction with Hurstwood Road.

Schedule 3

Single Speed Cushions

(75mm in height, 1.6 metres wide and 3.5 metres long, including approach ramps)

Dunn Street Road, Bredhurst:

Site 10: 8.0 metres south west of the common boundary of the properties commonly known as "Forge Cottage" and "Grove Court.

Site 11: 8.0 metres south west of the common boundary of the properties commonly known as "Englesfield" and "Orchard House".

Site 19: 15.0 metres north east of the north eastern boundary of the property commonly known as "Camellia.

Schedule 4

Road Humps

(75mm in height, 1.6 metres wide and 3.5 metres long, including approach ramps over part widths of both lanes)

Forge Lane, Bredhurst:

Site 23 60.0 metres southwest of the mid point of its junction with The Street.

Site 24 7.0 metres south west of the common boundary of the properties commonly known as "Elma" and "Sunny Glen".

Site 25 4.0 metres northwest of the common boundary of the properties commonly known as "Avon Glen" and "The Haven".

Site 26 6.0 metres northwest of the south eastern boundary of the property commonly known as "Five Farthings".

Highways - District of Thanet

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (SHOTTENDANE ROAD, MARGATE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because British Telecom are required to carry out works to restore a customer service, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Shottendane Road, Margate from its junction with High Street Garlinge to its junction with Knold Park on or after 10 December 2008 for an estimated period of 3 days or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via High Street Garlinge, A28 Canterbury Road, George V Avenue and Hartsdown Road.

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent Highway Services

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004
APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made by David Williams of Red Court, Woodland Rise, Seal, Sevenoaks to Kent County Council, to grant an approval for a ceremony at this premise.

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper.

Objections should be sent to the following address

Martin Alford, Head of Registration,
Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004
APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Hilltop Hotel, Labour In Vain Road, Stansted, Nr Sevenoaks**

Applicant: **Daren Sefer**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Martin Alford,
Head of Registration
Regulatory Services
First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall
Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX

Kent County Council

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS – NOTICES OF APPLICATIONS

The following applications have been submitted to the Council and are being advertised for the reason(s) given in each case.

TM/08/03525/FL & TM/08/03529/LB – The Octagon 79 Mereworth Road Mereworth Maidstone Kent ME18 5JQ – Mr C Williams is applying for removal of existing garden shed and erection of a free standing home office/study. Reason: CA LB

TM/08/03262/FL – Cherry Tree Old School Lane Ryarsh West Malling Kent ME19 5LP – Mr And Mrs Lamb are applying for two storey rear extension, ground floor front extension, removal of rear conservatory and conversion of integral garage to study and utility room. Reason: CA

TM/08/03407/FL – Broadwater Farm 285 Broadwater Road West Malling Kent ME19 6HT – Howard Chapman Ltd are applying for extension to existing controlled atmosphere fruit store. Reason: CA

TM/08/03439/FL – Downsview (Snodland Community Centre) Paddlesworth Road Snodland Kent ME6 5DP – Smurfitt Townsend Hook are applying for construction of bowls club including bowling green, pavilion fencing, footpath and landscaping. Reason: HA

TM/08/03256/FL – Former Mill Stream School Mill Street East Malling West Malling Kent – Mr Steven O'Halloran is applying for proposed redevelopment of the Former Mill Stream Junior School to provide 23 new residential dwellings comprising a mix of 1, 2, 3 and 4 bed units together with associated garaging and parking. Reason: CA GPI

TM/08/01908/FL – Tamsui Sevenoaks Road Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9DS – Mr Alvin Jones is applying for replacement dwelling and amended access arrangements. Reason: HA DEPART

TM/08/03417/FL & TM/08/03418/LB – Boundary House Fen Pond Road Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9JF – Mr And Mrs Katchburian are applying for revisions to design of a single storey rear kitchen extension - joinery details. Reason: LB

Reasons for the case being publicised:
LB Application relates to/affects a Listed Building or its setting
CA Application is within/affects a Conservation Area
DEPART Application does not accord with the Development Plan
GPI Application is of general Public Interest
HA Site is over 1ha.

These applications are displayed on our website www.tmbc.gov.uk – click on the button "Do It Online" and follow the instructions for "Planning Applications" online. You can submit your comments by emailing to planning.applications@tmbc.gov.uk (please quote the application number by the date set out below).

Copies of applications listed may be seen during office hours (8.30 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday). Any applications within Hadlow, Hildenborough and Tonbridge are available at Tonbridge Castle, Tonbridge. Other applications are available at the office of the Director of Planning, Transport & Leisure, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ. Any representations should be made in writing quoting the application number by 28 December 2008.

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The 59-strong jury of senior motoring journalists from 23 European countries voted the Insignia first, with the Ford Fiesta and Volkswagen Golf placed second and third respectively.

Steve Cropley, editor-in-chief of Autocar magazine, COTY's British-based sponsor, said: "We are delighted to be able to deliver good news at such a tough time. The market's the toughest we've seen for 20 years, but nothing alters the fact that the Insignia is a great car. It deserved to triumph and it did."

Bill Parfitt, chairman and managing director of General Motors UK, was equally encouraged by the win: "This is great news for GM/Vauxhall and its employees, suppliers and retailers.

"Vauxhall has made great strides in recent years, particularly in design and dynamics, and the Insignia illustrates what we're capable of achieving.

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This year, 37 cars were put forward for COTY, with just seven short-listed for the ultimate award, which represents the most outstanding car launched in the last 12 months. Each contender must be on sale in at least five European countries.

Vauxhall unveiled the Insignia at this year's British International Motor Show, where its sporty silhouette, class-leading aerodynamics and innovative technology earned praise from customers and media alike.

The Insignia's triumph marks a third COTY accolade for Vauxhall: the Astra won the title in 1985, followed two years later by the Carlton/Omega.

- One of the more exotic spin-offs from the latter model has also just been voted Britain's favourite Vauxhall in a poll by the website vauxhalldriverscentre.co.uk

It was the 176mph Lotus Carlton supersaloon, regarded as a technical tour de force by Vauxhall that boasted power, performance and dynamics. Officially the fastest four-door production car in the world when launched in 1989, the Lotus Carlton's twin-turbocharged 377bhp engine powered the car from 0-62mph in 5.4 seconds.

Runners-up to the Lotus were the Calibra and Vectra while the website's favourite model from the last five years was the current VXR8's wild predecessor, the Monaro, which entered UK showrooms in 2004.

Branded 'a true rear-wheel drive muscle car for enthusiasts,' the Monaro combined a fiercely competitive price with plenty of standard kit and a 5.7-litre V8 engine.

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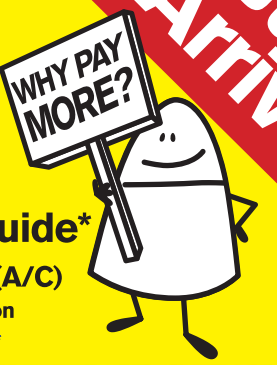
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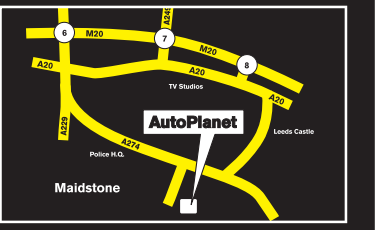
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2007	GK57ZPT	Exclusiv CDTi Nav	1.9D	5	Star silver	9,950	12,995

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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2001	GL51KOH*	Agila Enjoy	1.2	5	Green tea	76,350	2,595

Tigra



Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2006	GL06JVV	Tigra Exclusiv	1.4	2	Star silver	15975	9,995
2008	GJ08HAE	Tigra Exclusiv	1.4	2	Antigua	9,650	11,995

Meriva



Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2004	HV04FDF	Meriva Life A/c	1.6	5	Spearmint silver	43,000	4,695
2006	GF56UFZ	Design CDTi Ext pack	1.7D	5	Metro blue	29,170	7,995
2008	GF08MDX	Meriva CDTi Breeze +	1.3D	5	Star silver	3,350	11,995
2008	GF08BHZ	Meriva Life A/c	1.4	5	Lancelot	2,870	8,495
2008	GJ08UGV	Meriva Breeze	1.4	5	Black sapphire	12,500	8,995

Astra



Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2002	GL02OFS*	Astra Elegance Auto	1.8	5	Black sapphire	51,700	3,695
2005	GJ55NYU	Astra Breeze	1.6	5	Silver lightening	38,000	6,995
2006	GL06JUU	Astra Sxi CDTi	1.7D	5	Silver lightening	20.850	7,695
2007	GJ07OGF	Astra Energy Auto	1.8	5	Star Silver	15,300	7,995
2007	GK57ZPU	Astra Club CDTi Est	1.3D	5	Panacotta	8,275	11,995
2007	GK57ZPP	Astra Club CDTi	1.7D	5	Star silver	10,680	10,295
2007	NV57XTD	Astra SRI	1.8	5	Silver Lightning	9,650	9,995
2007	AT57DXO	Astra Sport Twin Top	1.8	2	Star Silver	14,650	11,995
2008	GL57NXJ	Astra Breeze Plus	1.7D	5	Star silver	12,300	11,495
2008	GL57NXV	Astra Club CDTi Est	1.3D	5	Star silver	17,300	10,995
2008	GF08BKA	Astra SXI	1.4	5	Black Sapphire	6,300	9,495
2008	GF08DKJ	Astra Breeze CDTi	17D	5	Star Silver	9,350	10,495
2008	GJ08GZX	Astra Design	1.8	5	Black	3,000	11,495
2008	GJ08GZO	Exclusive IS200 Conv	1.9D	2	Black	8,885	16,995
2008	GF08BJE	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	1.4	3	Black sapphire	2,595	10,495
2008	GF08BHP	Astra Sxi Sports Hatch	1.4	3	Star silver	7,350	10,495
2008	GJ08GZV	Astra Sri CDTi Ext pack	1.9D	5	Star silver	5,630	13,995
2008	GF08BJV	Astra Sxi Sports Hatch	1.4	3	Black sapphire	3,200	9,995
2008	GF08BHO	Astra Club Auto	1.8	5	Star silver	3,460	10,895
2008	GF08BHW	Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Moonland	4,500	9,495

Vectra



Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2004	PK54PHF*	Vectra Life	1.8	5	Panacotta	80,100	3,995
2005	KG05KVX	Vectra Sri	2.2	5	Star silver	30,550	6,995
2005	GJ55HVL	Exclusive CDTi Est	1.9D	5	Star silver	23,800	8,250
2008	GL57NXK	CDTi Exclusive Auto	1.9D	5	Ultra blue	5,350	11,995
2008	GJ08GZN	Vectra Exclusive CDTi	1.9D	5	Silver	9,380	10,495
2008	GF08NXX	Vectra Exclusiv	1.8	5	Black sapphire	6,000	8,495

Zafira



Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2005	FD05JWP	Zafira Life	1.8	5	Ultra blue	38,250	5,995
2005	RN05DZU	Zafira Design	1.6	5	Star silver	39,000	6,195
2005	LV05YEJ	Zafira Life A/c	1.8	5	Star silver	52,300	5,995
2005	GK55ONW	New Zafira Life A/c	1.6	5	Flame red	31,650	7,495
2006	GJ06YHR	Zafira Active CDTi	1.9D	5	Metro blue	21,900	8,495
2008	GF08MBU	New Zafira Breeze CDTi +	1.9D	5	Star silver	3,985	13,995
2008	GF08BKJ	Zafira Club CDTi	1.9D	5	Star silver	8,500	12,495



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BMW's tourer of duty

by IAINDOOLEY



CONSIDER what life must be like for Mercedes and Audi facing BMW in the junior executive class.

With the popularity of BMW's 3-Series showing no signs of waning, two-thirds of the German 'big three' have been playing catch-up for a long time.

And it's destined to stay that way for a good deal longer now that BMW has produced an updated version of what seems to be almost everyone's favourite compact exec motor.

If it's not the great strides that have been made in performance, power, economy and CO2 emissions, it's the strides that have been made in keeping the 3-Series ahead of the rest in terms of desirability.

Just as well really, because at first glance the 'new' 3-Series looks suspiciously like the old one.

But you don't mess with a winning formula like this for the sake of it. Buyers of the superseded car clearly liked what they saw and BMW is keen to ensure that prospective owners aren't scared away by some wacky over-the-top styling.

Complacency hasn't kicked in though, as subtle changes have been made to the car's exterior and interior and under the bonnet.

Of the two mainstream bodystyles, saloon and Touring, the latter has become something of a highbrow workhorse for some buyers and an activity biased holdall for others.

Subtle changes are the trend here also, such as the driver side electric window switches re-located to make them easier to reach – a direct result of customer feedback.

The controversial iDrive system has also received a major overhaul, bringing better on-screen graphics, easier navigation through the options and a new controller with shortcut buttons.

Driver involvement remains a priority, but it is gains in the engine compartment that have helped the 3-Series leapfrog the opposition in latter years.

The revised four-cylinder engines offer more savings and improved performance; predictably, the 320d diesel is the one to have – thousands of company car drivers can't be wrong. In 177bhp trim, the 320d does it all. It's clean (130g/km CO2), economical (57.6mpg), potent (0-62mph in 8.1 seconds) and rewards the keen driver.

Then again, the all-new 3.0-litre diesel for the 330d turns this talented holdall into an executive express. Packing 245bhp it will sprint to 62mph in 6.2 seconds, yet has the potential to return 47.9mph and a CO2 rating of 155g/km. The petrol engines aren't bad either.

The new-look range offers great build quality, a pleasingly high level of standard equipment plus a long and tempting list of optional kit. The car's cabin is spot on in terms of ergonomics, while the load space does much to boost practicality over the saloon variant.

DrivingStats

- BMW 320d SE Touring from £27,870
- Engine: 2.0-litre diesel unit developing 177bhp
- Transmission: six-speed manual driving rear wheels
- Performance: Maximum speed 142mph, 0-62mph 8.1 seconds
- Economy: 57.6mpg

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by SAMDAVISON

Upgrade your old car if you can't upgrade to a new one



WE'RE all familiar with the 'move or improve' dilemma where home-owners weigh-up the cost benefits of moving home versus making home improvements.

But new research from Kwik-Fit shows that, with money tight and new car sales down, more motorists are facing a similar conundrum of whether to 'trade or upgrade' their car.

Kwik-Fit's research found that some 6.4 million motorists aim to make a number of upgrades to their existing vehicle over the next 12 months, in order to make it look and feel like new.

The top five tricks are:

- Regular servicing (89 per cent of upgraders) – It sounds obvious, but the most popular trick was simply to get their car regularly serviced. And they're right, as this will improve performance significantly.
- Fit alloy wheels (17 per cent) – This will instantly give your vehicle that new car look and may make it easier to sell and increase the residual value – which, in turn, could offset the cost of buying those alloys.
- Recharge your air-conditioning (16 per cent) – Air con systems should be recharged every two years. As well as enabling those inside the car to stay cool, calm and collected, a fully charged air con also burns less fuel – enabling motorists to save at the pump and reduce carbon emissions too.
- Fit a sat nav (15 per cent) – More and more new cars come with sat nav as standard, but upgraders recognise that fitting a portable device adds some new car panache to their dash and, hopefully, will ensure they never get lost again.
- Fit a high performance exhaust (eight per cent) – These improve the air flow through the engine's cylinder head, allowing spent combustion gases to clear the outlet chamber faster. With a wider exit port releasing the spent gases, the increase in engine efficiency increases the bhp output, giving your car a performance boost you can often feel at the accelerator pedal.

David White, customer services director at Kwik-Fit, said: "The credit crunch has extinguished many motorists' plans to buy a new car in the next 12 months. Instead, they're having to keep hold of their car longer than normal.

"But it needn't be all doom and gloom. There are many ways that motorists can upgrade their vehicle to make it feel like new, and at the same time increase the residual value when they eventually sell it on."



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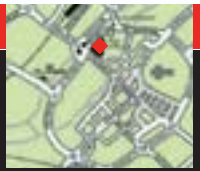
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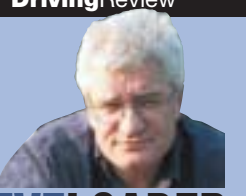
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Jeep plays Patriot games



DrivingReview



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JeepPatriot

HAVING been bowled over by the sheer pragmatism of Jeep's most junior model, the Patriot, I'm rather less impressed by the thinking behind a new flagship version.

Admittedly, the £19,810 Jeep Patriot S-Limited is touted as a 'special' – just 100 will be sold in the UK – and looks upmarket while still offering the value that makes the Patriot such a viable option in a much hardened 4x4 sector.

But Jeep has chosen to offer the S-Limited only in 2.4-litre petrol format; this engine performs no better than the mainstay VW-powered 2.0-litre diesel alternative and is officially 25 per cent worse on fuel and costs £40 more a year to tax.

On the other hand, is Jeep using this variant

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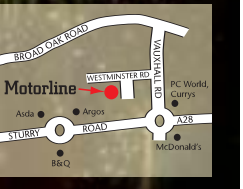
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to test the water before offering an S-Limited diesel version or – the standard ploy with specials and limited editions – simply hoping to generate more showroom traffic for the range as a whole?

In the pugnacious style of the Patriot line-up the S-Limited certainly looks like a crowd-pleaser with its chrome grille surrounds, body-coloured door handles and mirrors, rear parking sensor, S-Limited badge and front and rear under-ride body-kit.

Leather trimmed seats and leather and Alcantara door panels, plus leather-covered centre armrest, gearstick and headrests all add to the luxury look.

Okay, the interior execution still looks down-market against some rivals, but the Patriot is a proper Jeep; prices may start at little more than a standard family hatchback, but this tough-looking little car can walk the talk – it couldn't wear the famous Jeep branding unless it did.

As our previous on and off-road testing showed, it might not be in the same league as bigger off-roading Jeep champs such as the legendary Wrangler or the chunky Commander, but it does not shame the brand when the going gets tough.

It also delivers a decent drive and a smooth ride on the road – it's most likely home anyway.

The layout is fairly practical too, with lots of stowage bins and cup holders and even a flip-up MP3 player slot in the armrest, conveniently situated for plugging into the centre console's 12v socket.

The seats are mounted high despite the Patriot's comparatively modest height for this class and also comfortable, with enough lateral support for yomping across the rough stuff.

However, the car is more 4.5-seater than full five-seater even if the utilitarian 4x4 estate styling delivers good rear legroom and headroom.

Boot space is also restricted by the extra transmission and underfloor spare, but folding the 60/30 split rear seats opens up lots of load carrying flexibility.

Yes, the Patriot is a pugnacious character, but it is not going to break the bank and while demand for full-size 4x4s reels under the onslaught of spiralling fuel prices and the heated 'green debate' it makes a convincing alternative.

I'm just not sure about this S-Limited edition – so where's that diesel option?

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DrivingStats

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- Powertrain: 2,359/168bhp four-cylinder petrol engine driving all-four wheels through a five-speed gearbox.
- Performance: top speed 112mph and 0-62mph in 10.7 seconds.
- How green?: category-F £210/year road tax and 180g/km CO2 emissions.
- Official fuel figures: combined 32.5mpg.
- Euro NCAP safety rating (0-5 stars): n/a
- Fuel tank: 51.1 litres/11.2 gallons.
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- Website: www.jeep.co.uk
- Rivals: Daihatsu Terios, Dodge Nitro, Fiat Sedici, Honda CR-V, Hyundai Tucson, Jeep Compass, Kia Sportage, Nissan Qashqai or X-Trail, Suzuki SX4 or Grand Vitara and Toyota RAV-4.

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Launchpad opens up the UK

A FAST-TRACK support programme to help foreign businesses set up in Kent is up and running.

By **TONY PATEY**
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Called Launchpad UK, it is led by the South East England Development Agency (Seeda) and investment promotion agency Locate in Kent, in conjunction with key partners.

The aim is to attract inward investment by helping foreign businesses set up in the UK market quickly, easily and at no cost to their business. Neil Brigden, director of inward investment at Seeda, said: "More overseas companies have taken advantage of the South East's strengths and set up here than in any other region except London.

"I am sure our initiative will help even more companies seize opportunities here. Kent is part of the UK's most successful region and it's a location that makes great commercial sense for foreign companies." Nine Kent-based companies and organisations are involved in the initiative, offering services ranging from free office premises, legal guidance, accounting and grant funding advice through to recruitment and marketing support.

Paul Wookey, chief executive of Locate in Kent, said: "Kent has always been a popular location for foreign companies. Since April we have had successes from eight countries including Italy, France, Germany, Canada and Japan. We also find that investments by foreign-owned businesses tend to be larger in capital spending and job numbers than UK companies. Since November 2007, overseas companies have created nearly 500 jobs in Kent."

In 2007-08, the South East attracted 219 foreign direct investments (FDIs). Seeda has successfully supported 77 of these investments, which are forecast to generate more than 2,400 jobs over the next three years.

Details of Launchpad can be found at www.locateinkent.co.uk/launchpaduk.

Powering ahead with £10m cable

AN EAST Kent body mainly made up of local authorities and aiming to promote economic development by 'spending to accumulate' is starting to get rewards from its first £10 million investment.

The East Kent Spatial Development Company (EKSDC) funded electricity cabling from Richborough to a new substation on the northern edge of Kent International Airport at Manston.

Further cabling routes are supplying Manston Park and surrounding areas, the airport, Eurokent, Thanet Reach, and the Westwood housing development.

The organisation is a partnership between South East England Development Agency (Seeda), Thanet, Shepway and Dover district councils, Canterbury City Council, Kent County Council and English Partnerships.

In return for investment in the area's infrastructure, it negotiated a deal with utility companies, including EDF Energy.

As a result, when businesses connect to the supply a reimbursement proportionate to the amount of take up is paid back to EKSDC to help fund other projects and repay the public investment.

It has just received its first financial contribution from EDF after completing the first phase of its electricity infrastructure project.

Debbie Spalding, chief executive of EKSDC, said: "It has been recognised for a long time that one of the main factors holding back investment in the area is its lack of infrastructure, in particular the provision of electricity. The absence of an electricity supply was a longstanding disincentive to inward investors, as the developer who triggers a requirement for additional infrastructure has to pay the total cost which can make an investment uneconomical.



SWITCHED ON: Tom Atkinson, of EDF Energy, Debbie Spalding, of EKSDC, and Cllr Roger Latchford, of Thanet District Council

"Our job has been to plug the gap and what we have seen now is the first fruits of our labours."

EKSDC work is focused on 1,200 acres of land zoned for development in Thanet central island and the Sandwich corridor.

It says there is also a need to upgrade infrastructure services to the White Cliffs Business Park in Dover as a key priority for investment.

THE firm responsible for the branding of the London Olympics 2012 bid has been taken over in a £3 million-plus management buy-out.

Sidcup-based Icon Display, a leading sign and branding company, is now aiming to build up its UK and international business. It was formed in 1947 and today employs more than 70 full-time staff.

Clients include the Open Championships, UEFA Champions League, Wimbledon Tennis and UK Cricket, and it has branch offices in Germany, Qatar, South Africa and India.

Management at Icon saw an opportunity when parent group CSS Stellar, which bought Icon in 1986, wanted to reposition and sell off non-core businesses.

Managing director John Francis approached Richard Gower at NatWest, who introduced him to Richard Marshall and Ian Gilbertson of the bank's structured debt solutions team.

NatWest provided a £3.1m funding package to enable the buy-out, which also included the acquisition of the trading premises and assisted with professional costs arising from the deal.

Mr Francis said: "We are really excited. This presented a chance for us to take the reins and continue driving Icon forward."



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L of an idea whose drive time has come

DRIVING school is taking on a new meaning with a Kent-wide learner outfit offering a new qualification– just the second in the world after the company that pioneered it, ***writes Tony Patey.***

Customers of Folkestone-based The Big Red L Company can now study at the wheel for a BTEC in Driving Science, a GCSE equivalent accredited by exam board Edexcel.

It's a radical idea which was thought up, developed and launched earlier this year by Guildford-based a2om – pronounced 'atom' and meaning alpha to omega motoring – a driving school which has been researching driver behaviour for 25 years

The study complements the student's existing driving lessons – from lesson one – and is rooted in science and research of driver behaviour along with the importance of integrating right attitudes with car control skills.

The Big Red L Company has instructors covering every town in the county, with 15 franchised instructors and 12 associate instructors offering the BTEC. And it is used to being a pioneer – it was the first UK driving school to be awarded Investors in People accreditation.

It was founded in 1992 by director Tony Simcock, known to television viewers as the driving instructor who taught Kent-based presenter Paul O'Grady to drive for Celebrity Driving School as part of Comic Relief.

Mr Simcock said: "The BTEC course is significant as it clearly addresses the higher levels of the goals for driver education which many instructors tend to skim over.

"Getting people through their driving test has always been fairly easy. The BTEC is all about attitude and we feel the training and online study modules will really complement good in-car coaching to produce much safer drivers. Another plus is the insurance sector is also supporting the BTEC, offering young drivers who do it up to 50 per cent discounts."

HRH Prince Michael of Kent, patron of the Global Road Safety Commission, said: "I am delighted to see a2om's national BTEC scheme bringing to the UK some of the most advanced learning from around the world."



TOP MAN: Alan Buckett (centre) accepts the Outstanding Contribution to Indirect Tax Award from James Bullock, of McGrigors, and chair of judges, Alison Lovejoy

A VAT specialist from Kent is celebrating 35 years at the top of his game after winning a prestigious national award.

Regular readers will remember Alan Buckett, of Maidstone-based DSH chartered accountants and business advisors, who was up for the Outstanding Contribution Award in the inaugural Indirect Tax Awards 2008, organised by the Tax Journal.

The judges – some of the most respected figures in the industry – declared Mr Buckett the winner, saying he offered unrivalled experience and know-how.

The award was presented by James Bullock, head of risk advisory solutions at McGrigors, the award sponsors, during a ceremony at Glaziers Hall, London.

He said: "It was a great pleasure to present the award to Alan Buckett.

"He is one of the most respected and highly regarded practitioners in indirect tax and has a wealth of experience."

Mr Buckett has been a regular writer and broadcaster on VAT matters, having been quoted in both the Financial Times and the Times, and appearing on the BBC's Money Programme.

He has also written three books, is consulting editor to leading tax publications and has served as both chairman and president of the VAT Practitioners' Group, of which he was a founder member.

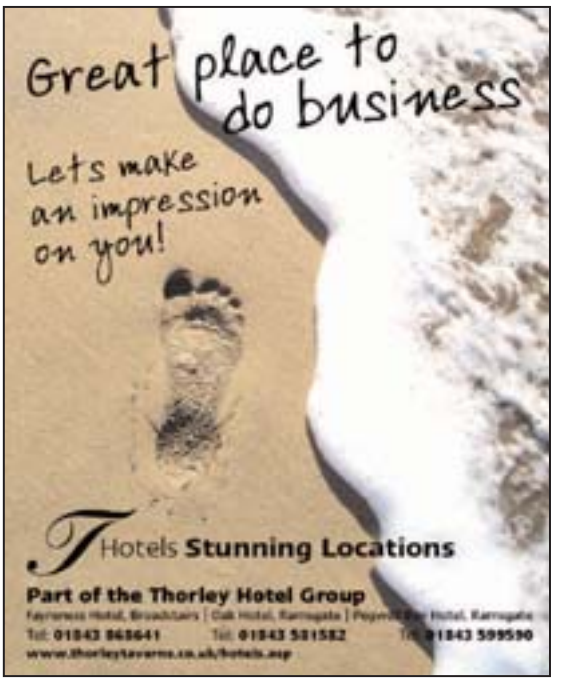
How to avoid the humbug

THE Christmas party season is upon us and HR departments will be thinking about how to pay for the office shindig.

Many firms might cancel get-togethers because of the economic downturn, but if they do go ahead they should beware because the tax people are also getting cash-hungry and will be on the prowl.

Firms are being urged to watch they don't dampen the festive cheer by falling foul of tax rules.

The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants says by keeping to the book, Christmas parties will remain celebrations and won't become an extra burden. Head of taxation Chas Roy-Chowdhury says checking HM Revenue and Customs' rules will prevent Scrooge from ruining the party. They include: Parties must be open to all staff; a maximum of £150 can be spent on each employee (this covers entertainment, accommodation, venue, transport and VAT); there may be one guest per employee, each of whom is entitled to a £150 exemption; if this limit is exceeded the full amount spent, not just the amount over £150, will be subject to income tax and NIC payments.





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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Cities are hectic places with so much going on that it's easy to be overwhelmed whether you live there, work there or are just visiting. So how do you sort the wheat from the chaff and make the most of your time and money when visiting? Traditionally, printed city and what's on guides were tied to publishing houses and their information quickly became outdated. So View London, an online guide, was established to provide up to the minute, in-depth listings and independent reviews of the capital's entertainment venues, restaurants, bars and clubs.
Now, Folkestone-based View's online city guides offer the same mix of information, news and reviews for more than 20 UK cities, used by more than 1.5 million people every month. KOS Business Editor Tony Patey spoke to View managing director **Josh De Haan**.



Q Did you ever feel you were sometimes in the shadow of your father, Roger, who took over from his father to drive forward the well-known Saga group? Many children of famous high-profile fathers do find it difficult.

A I come from a very entrepreneurial family. My grandfather, Sidney, was a great pioneer and it was he who established Saga as a truly innovative business, recognising older people as a quite defined market long before targeted direct marketing was a recognised concept.

My father diversified enormously in areas like publishing, media and insurance, things that Sidney could not have foreseen. I'm sure that it helped my father to be part of a family that was so business-oriented and it has helped me likewise. I consider this influence to have been more of an advantage than a difficulty.

Q What is your background?

A I worked for a London-based B2B publishing company, managing the online arm before the dot.com bomb. I established it as a separate company, sourcing independent outside funding, building it successfully over a number of years. Working online at this early stage in the internet's development was intriguing and spurred me on to plan and launch an online consumer offering.

Q What's the history of View?

A My brother Ben and I saw the need for a completely independent and comprehensive online guide to London that gave people impartial advice. The internet was the perfect tool, and View London, 'The Londoner's Guide to London', was born in 2000, in a back room of our flat.

There were three of us, a couple of desks, computers and not much else. The company has since gone from strength to strength, growing organically from three staff above a bar in Sandgate to over 30 at our current premises in Folkestone.

And we're aiming to stay long-term in Folkestone, with a permanent move to offices in the Creative Quarter within the next couple of years.

Q What's the future for View?

A We want to be synonymous with entertainment. We're working hard to build the brand and make the sites the best they can be, giving people the information they truly want and need to make the most of their city. Once we've achieved our goals within the UK then we will look to expand our platform to cities all over the world. We already have View Auckland.

Q If you had to give advice to a young person starting out in business, what would you say? Would you recommend actually starting out in the current economic climate?

A I think it's important to have passion, drive and commitment as your foundation, whatever you choose to do. You also need to have a great ability to make the most out of every situation.

There's no doubt it's a difficult economic climate at present, which does make starting out even harder. But if you have a gem of an idea, the determination to see it through and you can get the backing, then go for it.

Q How do you see online business evolving?

A The internet's recordable marketing data outweighs all other media in terms of accountability and response and as such will continue to see growth in ad spend.

I also see the internet developing as an entertainment outlet in the home, with downloadable TV and film and video streaming, gaming, music and social media.

Q What do you do to relax?

A I've just become a father for the third time. Though I want to be successful and I work hard at it, I don't want business to rule my life so I try to spend as much time being with my family as I can.I love all kinds of sport, but my favourites are skiing and tennis.

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The wonky shape of things to come

EU rules and regulations – a personal view

By **PAT CRAWFORD**

THE vast majority of Kent's fruit growers are not set to benefit from changes in EU regulations that govern the sizes and shapes of fruit and vegetables.

The reason for that is, although the rules are to be relaxed in the case of 26 types of fruit and vegetables, those applying to apples are to remain intact for the foreseeable future.

Bearing in mind that Kent produces more apples than any other county, this partial scrapping of the commission's rules is unlikely to have our farmers jumping for joy.

The rules about odd shapes and sizes were always controversial, with many critics declaring them to be a supreme example of Euro-madness, and the latest move has been described by the European Commissioner for Agriculture as "a new dawn for the curvy cucumber and the knobbly carrot".

Removal of the regulations is described by the EU as "a concrete example of our drive to cut unnecessary red tape".

There must be thousands of farmers, growers and consumers who regard all EU red tape, by its very nature, as unnecessary.



CORE ISSUE: Apples are not included in the relaxation of EU rules on size and shape

The extent to which red tape is actually being lifted should be seen in light of the fact that the regulations will still govern an estimated 75 per cent of EU fruit and vegetables.

This includes apples, pears, tomatoes and strawberries, all of which are grown in considerable quantities in Kent.

Furthermore, the agreed relaxation isn't expected to come into force until July 2009 because, apparently, it will take the entire intervening period to complete the restructure.

The rules standardising sizes of fruit and vegetables throughout all member states came into being 20 years ago.

Consequently, we have a whole generation who are unaware that carrots aren't totally uniform in size and straightness, who have never seen a curvy cucumber, and who believe all fruit and vegetables grow naturally to a strict specification.

It has all gone on for so long that even some farmers and growers believe this ridiculous standardisation was forced upon them by big retailers who perceived it as a way of making packaging easier.

This leaves one big question. Will consumers be prepared to buy misshapen vegetables and fruit, or are we so indoctrinated by standardisation that we judge totally on appearance and anything that doesn't conform, however delicious its flavour, will go unwanted and unsold?

THE Campaign to Protect Rural England's Kent branch was on board when the Greenpeace vessel Rainbow Warrior sailed up the River Medway in protest against plans to build a new coal-fired power station at Kingsnorth, ***writes Gemma Watts.***

Rainbow Warrior docked in Chatham as part of the Give Coal The Boot Campaign.

CPRE Kent has already urged the Government to rethink plans for a new coal-fired power station on the Hoo Peninsula and highlighted the risks that climate change will bring to Kent.

Of these, sea-level rise is perhaps the most serious, with coastal communities already affected by Government decisions on whether their homes will be defended in future.

The deputy director of CPRE Kent, Sean Furey, said: "We also have concerns about air quality in Medway. Without a coal-fired power station, the whole area would be a lot healthier.

"Kingsnorth is in the heart of the Thames Gateway growth area. It would be better to invest in technologies such as micro-generation, so that every new home could be a net exporter of energy."

CPRE Kent was joined on the Rainbow Warrior by representatives from Medway council, Medway Youth Parliament, Dartford council and a range of local environment, development and trade union groups.

The branch is organising a Wind – Sun – Biofuels Conference, on January 24, at the Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells. The event will focus on looking at the ways alternative energy can work with protecting the countryside, listed buildings and conservation areas.

Guest speakers include Tunbridge Wells MP Greg Clark, who is shadow secretary of state for energy and climate change, Mayor of Tunbridge Wells Cllr Mike Rusbridge, and Jae Mather, sustainability director for the Carbon Free Group. For tickets, call 01303 815180.

• ***Gemma Watts is publicity officer for CPRE Kent.***

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NEW CHALLENGE: Stefan Davis is looking forward to the Intercontinental Rally Challenge after a successful Volkswagen test

Testing times augur well for Davis future

RALLY driver Stefan Davis is hoping new rule changes for the 2010 World Rally Championship will present an opportunity for him to claim a seat for the series.

The 29-year-old, from Aylesford, was invited by Volkswagen last month to be one of the first drivers to drive their new 2010 World Rally car. The far-reaching changes are expected to save £150,000 per car by making them much closer to production models and not having turbo chargers.

The test was Davis' first-ever drive in a four-wheel drive World Rally car. He believes the cost-cutting measures will mean more seats are up for grabs.

He said: "It was a great experience to drive a machine that most WRC drivers have not tested yet.

"It is hoped that this will encourage more manufacturers to enter the championship, which can only be a good thing for drivers."

Davis is searching further afield to continue his rally career after a disappointing 2008 season.

If he can attract sufficient backing he wants to enter the Intercontinental Rally Challenge, which rivals the WRC and takes in world-famous rallying venues such as San Remo in Italy and Monte Carlo. The series begins in the principality next month.

Lashings millionaire ready to aid Stones

Sale rumoured after chairman calls it a day

EXCLUSIVE

By **FRED ATKINS**

MAIDSTONE millionaire David Folb says he is prepared to answer a call to save Maidstone United, in the week the Stones were put up for sale by owner Paul Bowden-Brown.

The Ryman Premier League side have been struggling for 16 years to try and return to the county town, with Bowden-Brown at the forefront of those plans.

However, last month's decision by the Football Foundation to reject United's application for stadium funding was effectively the final straw for the club's owner, who announced his intention to sell the club on Wednesday.

Under Bowden-Brown, United climbed from the bottom division of the Kent County League to the Ryman Premier Division, but the club have been continually frustrated in their attempts to fund a new stadium at Whatman Way.

Now Folb wants to come to Maidstone's rescue and has offered owner Bowden-Brown his help.

"The last thing I want is to see Maidstone United struggle," Folb said. "Paul has done a tremendous job in taking the Stones to their present position, but if he feels he's reached the end of the road, maybe I can finish off his good work by bringing them home."

As chairman of Lashings Cricket Club, Folb, who was born in the county town and schooled at Sutton Valence, has a proven track record at fund-raising and extensive business contacts.



Pictures: Folb: GETTY IMAGES; Bowden-Brown: STEVE TERRELL

NEW OWNER? Lashings Cricket Club chief, David Folb, has expressed an interest in buying Maidstone United after chairman Paul Bowden-Brown (inset) put the club up for sale

Earlier this year he agreed a $1 million sponsorship deal between Lashings and the Emirates Palace Hotel in Abu Dhabi and last week Lashings were named official ambassadors for the UK Commonwealth.

Folb last expressed an interest in buying the Stones in 2004, but his plan was greeted with skepticism by some supporters.

Seeking to address their fears, Folb said: "My one goal is to bring Maidstone United back to Maidstone. In the absence of a Messiah, or Roman Abramovich, what do supporters have to lose?"

Bowden Brown said: "I'll meet with him with pleasure, because I respect what he's done with Lashings. The club will not die, I'll see to that, but if he can help us move forward, that's all well and good."

• What do you think of this? Would you be happy if millionaire David Folb came in to help the Stones? Send us an email with your thoughts to sports@kos-media.co.uk.



RULE CHANGE: Lisa Dobriskey believes cheats deserve longer bans

Angry Dobriskey in call for longer ban for drug cheats

LISA Dobriskey has hit out at a group of Russian athletes who had their bans back-dated, claiming cheats should be given longer suspensions, ***writes Tom Howard.***

The call for harsher punishment comes after seven Russian athletes, including double 1500m world champion, Tatyana Tomashova, were given a two-year ban after they were caught tampering with urine samples.

The All Russian Athletic Association back-dated the bans to an original investigation in 2007, meaning they would be eligible to compete against Dobriskey in the World Championships next year.

The usually quiet-spoken Ashford-born 1500m runner has waded into the row, insisting that for athletes to get caught cheating is unacceptable.

Under the International Association of Athletics Federations' (IAAF) existing guidelines, athletes incur a minimum ban of two years for a first offence, followed by a lifetime ban for a second offence.

Dobriskey, who finished fourth in the 1500m final at the Beijing Olympics, feels that increasing the length of the first ban would act as a deterrent.

She said: "Some people can be unlucky with injury or have a baby and take two years to come back to the sport. At the moment if you cheat, in some cases, you could be back in action quicker than injured athletes."

The IAAF are launching an appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport to challenge the decision and believe the sanctions should begin from when the Russians were banned this summer.

Dobriskey said: "I hope the IAAF are successful because it is just so unfair. When they do return to the track they will not be given a warm welcome that is for sure. It is just the cheek of it really and It will certainly give me and other athletes the fight to prove you don't have to take drugs to win."

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Dani's Dubai quest to keep Tour status

Injuries put her place in peril



LAST CHANCE: Dani Masters' LPGA Tour card is on the line
Picture: ADY KERRY

By DAVID PRITCHARD

AFTER a season ruined by injury, Dani Masters tees off in the last event of the season next week, battling to retain her Tour card for next year.

Ankle, back and wrist problems have plagued the 25-year-old all year and the Maidstone golfer has not played competitively for almost five months.

Masters was resigned to writing the season off altogether, but she has recovered in time to play in the Dubai Ladies Masters, which begins on Thursday.

Exempt

The stakes could not be higher, with the Maidstone golfer's place on next year's Ladies European Tour at stake. Only the top 80 players are exempt and Masters goes into the tournament ranked 108th.

She said: "I'm so excited and can't wait to go out there. I'm just hoping to go out there and with my enthusiasm and the fact I have worked so hard, I could have a decent finish. It would be a great end to a terrible year."

The injury problems began with an ankle problem in January, which did not heal in time for the start of the season. It forced her to over-compensate in her swing and led to a problem in the lower back, with complete rest the only cure.

After playing through the pain, a separate injury in her wrist eventually forced Masters to pull out of the Italian Open in July.

The season got worse when her application for a medical exemption to guarantee her card for 2009 was refused because she had played in more than 10 events.

She said: "I have never been injured and didn't know the ruling about the medical exemption. It was horrible to find out like that, it tore me to bits."

Masters was forced to sit out the second half of the season, watching her name steadily fall down the rankings.

Regular physiotherapy and Pilates sessions have gradually helped her recover in time to make one last bid to secure her card for next year and avoid qualifying through Tour school.

Despite all the problems, she insists she never thought about quitting altogether.

She said: "I'm absolutely destined to play golf full-time and be as great as everyone else thinks I should be, that's what has always kept me going."

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Funding blow for Olympic hopefuls

ATHLETES across Kent could have their Olympic dreams shattered after several sports were excluded from UK Sport's funding plans up to London 2012, ***writes Tom Howard.***

UK Sport announced the majority of its spending up to 2012 on Wednesday, but sports including table tennis, handball and volleyball were left off the list.

They will find out their fate next month, but with little left in the pot due to a £50 million shortfall from the private sector, all are expecting cuts.

One potential victim is Lewis Gray, from Benenden. The reigning under-15 national table tennis champion could be in the running to compete at London 2012.

But his fledgling career could be damaged if the funds are decreased, according to Ken Muhr, his coach at the Weald Table Tennis Club in Cranbrook.

He said: "For people like Lewis, who is on the fringes of making the Olympics, he may not reach his full potential if the funds are heavily slashed. Once the figures are announced we will know how damaged the sport will be."

Another sport at risk is handball, which was hoping to field a Great Britain Olympic team for the first time.

Despite the uncertainty surrounding their funding, Paul Goodwin, general manager of the British Handball Association and coach at Ashford Tanners, is not contemplating failure.

He said: "As far as I am concerned we are going to fight on. We are in it to win it. Too many people have spent their time and even changed sports to compete in this handball team so we will not be giving up."

For some sports the announcement contained good news. Ashford's Olympic gold medallist Jamie Staff will receive a boost, with funding for cycling increased by 20 per cent after a hugely successful Beijing Games.





OFF THE LIST: Handball and table tennis are off the main UK Sport funding list, which is a blow to hopefuls such as Lewis Gray (inset)



Picture: ADY KERRY

CHANCE: Robbie Joseph is training with the England squad ahead of their return to India

Test squad call for county duo

AMJAD Khan and Robbie Joseph flew to Abu Dhabi on Thursday to train with the England Test squad ahead of their proposed return to India.

The Kent pair were among a nine-man Performance Squad selected to help prepare the first team for the two-match Test series postponed after the terrorist attacks in Mumbai.

The England team will be briefed on the security situation in India during their stay in the Middle East before deciding whether to go ahead with the tour. The first Test is due to start in Chennai on Thursday.

In theory Khan and Joseph would be considered for the Test squad if any players pulled out due to individual safety concerns.

While the circumstances are unusual, the selection is a boost to the Kent duo's international aspirations. Khan, who made a successful comeback last season after 18 months out injured, was called up as cover for England's last two One Day Internationals in India last month. The 28-year-old's hopes of a debut were dashed when the games were scrapped following the attacks.

After several years on the fringes, Joseph came to the fore last season. The 26-year-old took 55 first-class wickets, including a career best 6-32 against Durham.

Skinner GB pick for cross country



BLACKHEATH & Bromley athletes Scott Overall and Michael Skinner (pictured) have been included in the Great Britain Cross Country squad for next week's European Championships.

The two Kent athletes will join Mo Farah as the Great Britain team bid to eclipse last year's fourth place in the competition.

Skinner competed in the European Championships last year finishing in 17th place. The 29-year-old will hope to try and break into the top 10 this term after strong runs in the Gateshead Cross Country Championship and the Great North Run.

For Overall the event will be his first European-level competition, but he will go into the race with confidence after a top-10 finish in the Liverpool Cross Country Championship last month.

The European Championships in Brussels will be held next Sunday.

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THE CRICKET CRUNCH

SLOW GOING: Kent's St Lawrence Ground redevelopment faces another lengthy delay. The county's finances were not helped by the loss of 14 days' play due to bad weather Picture: ADY KERRY

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By **DAVID PRTICHARD**

More delays as downturn hits ambitious St Lawrence plans

KENT'S £10 million redevelopment of the St Lawrence Ground in Canterbury could be delayed for up to two years after one contractor pulled out due to the worsening financial climate.

Ahead of announcing gloomy financial results for the year up to October, club chairman George Kennedy revealed that the main builder for part of the plan was unable to fulfil their contract. Talks have begun with other contractors, which means until Kent have a commitment from a new company the redevelopment will once again be delayed.

In an interview with Kent on Sunday, Kennedy said he hoped work would begin in the spring, but admitted the delay could be much longer.

He said: "It's far from certain. I would much rather pull out of the whole thing and wait until the market improves, unless we can get the right price for our assets. We are not going to sell the family silver cheaply.

"The only worrying thing is we are anxious to improve the facilities, so we need to do something. In 2010 the English Premier League starts and the money coming in from the ECB should be quite substantial. If nothing happened until then, we would use the money for redevelopment."

This is the latest in a series of delays to have hit the club's ambitious plans, which include a 130-bed hotel, conference facilities and a facelift for the pavilion. A development of 73 houses on the Bat and Ball site and nets area is the part of the scheme that has run into difficulties. If the worst case scenario did happen and work was postponed until 2010, it would mean a two-year hiatus since work was originally due to begin.

The county, who described the redevelopment as essential to the long-term future of the cricket club, have already spent close to £1m on planning permission and legal fees for the plans, but will see none of the benefits until the work is finished. It is viewed as crucial to the county's long-term survival to diversify and generate income from more than just cricket at the St Lawrence Ground, which stands idle most of the year.

Despite reaching two one-day finals last season, Kennedy is predicting disappointing figures when the accounts are released, with cost-cutting measures needed across their operations.

He said: "We lost 14 days of cricket at home due to the weather, which is 15 per cent of the season. We have no income on those days but still have to pay the stewards, catering and the players. It was one of the worst summers we have had in many years."

It is hoped the financial constraints will have only a minimal impact on the playing side, with the majority of the squad already contracted for next season.

The county's relegation into Division Two of the County Championship is not expected to incur a big financial cost. Kent will have more local derbies next season, with games against Essex, Middlesex and Surrey likely to attract bigger crowds than some of the northern counties in Division One.

TIMELINE

- **DECEMBER 2006: Kent unveil £9m project to club's members**
- JUNE 2007: Council chiefs approve redevelopment plans
- **SEPTEMBER: Three-quarters of members approve redevelopment plans**
- JANUARY 2008: Work scheduled to start on the project, now valued at £10m
- **APRIL: Chief executive Paul Millman tells KoS work will get under way during the Tunbridge Wells festival in May**
- JUNE: Kent's commercial director Jon Fordham tells KoS the project will begin after the end of the season to minimise disruption
- **DECEMBER: One contractor withdraws due to financial difficulties. Club open talks with interested parties**

Gills overdraft talks 'will be resolved'

GILLINGHAM have yet to agree an extension to their £3.3 million overdraft with the Bank of Scotland, which expires in 24 days.

The League Two club are in talks with the bank, but have so far been unable to rearrange the terms. In the accounts released this week for the year up to May, it said the directors were optimistic, but it was "too early to make predictions with any certainty".

Gills chief executive, Mark Jones, moved to reassure fans the issue would be resolved in plenty of time.

He told Kent on Sunday: "We are negotiating our current arrangement with the bank – we are still talking to them. It has been difficult for the bank with the credit crunch, but we are nearly there. It's not going to be a problem."

The accounts revealed the club earned an £8,652 operating profit for the 12 months up to May. However, overall Gills recorded a £1.6m loss, mainly due to costs in excess of £1.2m associated with the sale of Priestfield to restructure the club's debt. The move saw net debt fall from £12.5m to £3.6m as a result, slashing the interest payments.

Jones said: "We are delighted with the numbers. They were better than we thought. The business has enormous potential, I have always thought that. Corporate sales are 30 per cent down over the last two or three months, but the gates have held quite well since relegation."



Gills will receive a major shot in the arm if they can beat Stockport County in their FA Cup replay on Tuesday. The winners will host Aston Villa in the next round live on television.

That would net the club an extra £160,000, which could go towards a transfer kitty for manager Mark Stimson when the window opens in January.